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GALLANT REARGUARD ACTION

Grim Battle East Of Kiev

MUNITION
FACTORY
WRECKED

An important munition works at Vlasin in southern Bohemia has been destroyed as a result of a violent explosion, according to news reaching Czechoslovak circles in London says Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.

The works were concerned with filling shell cases with explosives.

It is known that at least 80 Germans, brought from the Reich to work in this factory, are among the wounded now undergoing hospital treatment, but nothing is known as to the number of killed.

Following the explosion, German troops immediately surrounded the wrecked buildings and investigation was started but thus far this has proved quite fruitless.

AT ALMOST THE SAME TIME, THE POWER STATION AT TREBENICE WAS WRECKED BY ANOTHER EXPLOSION, A GREAT PART OF THE BUILDING BEING DESTROYED. — REUTER.

ITALY
LOSES BIG
LINERS

Destruction of two Italian liners and damage to a third Italian liner was announced by the Admiralty yesterday afternoon in London.

The communique reads: "On Thursday (September 18), submarines of the Mediterranean Fleet on patrol in the Central Mediterranean successfully attacked a fast and heavily escorted Italian convoy carrying reinforcements to Libya."

"The convoy consisted of three liners. Two have been destroyed. It is probable that the third was damaged."

"ONE OF THE LINERS IN THIS CONVOY WAS SIMILAR TO THE STEAMER 'VULCANIA' OF 24,469 TONS. THE OTHER TWO LINERS WERE OF APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TONNAGE. — REUTER."

Retreat To Don
Alleged By Nazis"STATE OF
SIEGE"
DENIED

No state of siege has been declared in Bulgaria, says an official Sofia announcement quoted by the Rome Radio yesterday. — Reuter.

(The Ankara Radio last Friday described it as a "state of emergency.")

REPEAL OF
NEUTRALITY
ACT URGED

Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, indicated in Washington yesterday that he favoured revision of the Neutrality Act.

Mr. Hull recalled that when the 1935 Act was passed he had said that it was as likely to get the United States into war as keep the United States out of war.

Deletion of the arms embargo from that Act, Mr. Hull made it clear, was not sufficient to clear the way for aid to Britain.

Asked whether there was undue pessimism regarding the plight of Russia, Mr. Hull said that from the way the Russians were fighting there does not seem to be any pessimism over there.

Mr. Hull also said that diplomatic negotiations were continuing in the effort to work out a settlement between Peru and Ecuador.

Congress Discussion

According to a Dow Jones Agency message, Mr. Cordell Hull made it clear at the press conference that he favoured revision of the Neutrality Act.

The Secretary for State indicated that he had discussed the revision or repeal of the Act with Congressional leaders as a means of furthering aid to Britain.

Self-Defence

Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary for State, told newspapermen yesterday in Washing-

FOLLOWING THE STATEMENT ANNOUNCED BY MOSCOW AND THE GERMAN REPORT THAT KIEV, THE CAPITAL OF THE UKRAINE IS IN A STATE OF "INDESCRIBABLE DEVASTATION" INTEREST IN LONDON IS FOCUSED UPON THE SAVAGE FIGHTING WHICH IS PROCEEDING EAST OF THE CITY.

Here regulars of the Soviet Army supplemented by detachments of the Home Guard are reported to be fighting a gallant rearguard action. Reports on the outcome of this fighting are keenly awaited in London.

Meanwhile, the Germans claim to have annihilated large bodies of troops in this area and to have taken 150,000 prisoners.

The reluctant Nazi admission that the Russians have left behind only a city of ruins and "wreckage," would indicate that Marshal Budenny made an orderly retreat.

Professing concern for Kiev's population, the Germans declare, "by their destructive rage, the Bolsheviks have endangered the lives of tens of thousands in the cruelest fashion," but it is pointed out in London that there is no basis for this statement.

Orderly Withdrawal

In fact, observers in London take hope from German reports

ESCAPED
IN CANOE

FIVE YOUNG FRENCHMEN WHO ESCAPED FROM FRANCE IN A FRAIL CANOE AND AFTER STRUGGLING FOR 30 HOURS IN THE CHANNEL LANDED AT EASTBOURNE LAST WEEK, WERE RECEIVED YESTERDAY BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND MRS. CHURCHILL AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE, NO. 10, DOWNING STREET.

The Frenchmen were still clad in a variety of clothing.

One wore white duck trousers and a pair of wooden sabots. Another wore blue shorts. Others wore golf jackets and plus fours and were still showing evidence of the daring voyage across the Channel.

Mr. Churchill gave a toast "Vive la France." Later the visitors left to join General de Gaulle's Free French Force. — Reuter.

ton that he had tried for some time to indicate that he believed that the Neutrality Act should be changed but he declined to predict whether or when a repeal might be expected.

He declared that the Lease and Lend Act was based primarily on the doctrine of self-defence and it provided a way to go further as the necessities of defence increased. — Reuter.

ANGLO-AMERICAN
AIR MISSIONS
IN MOSCOW

The Moscow Radio announced yesterday that the British and American representatives to the Moscow Conference have arrived. — Reuter.

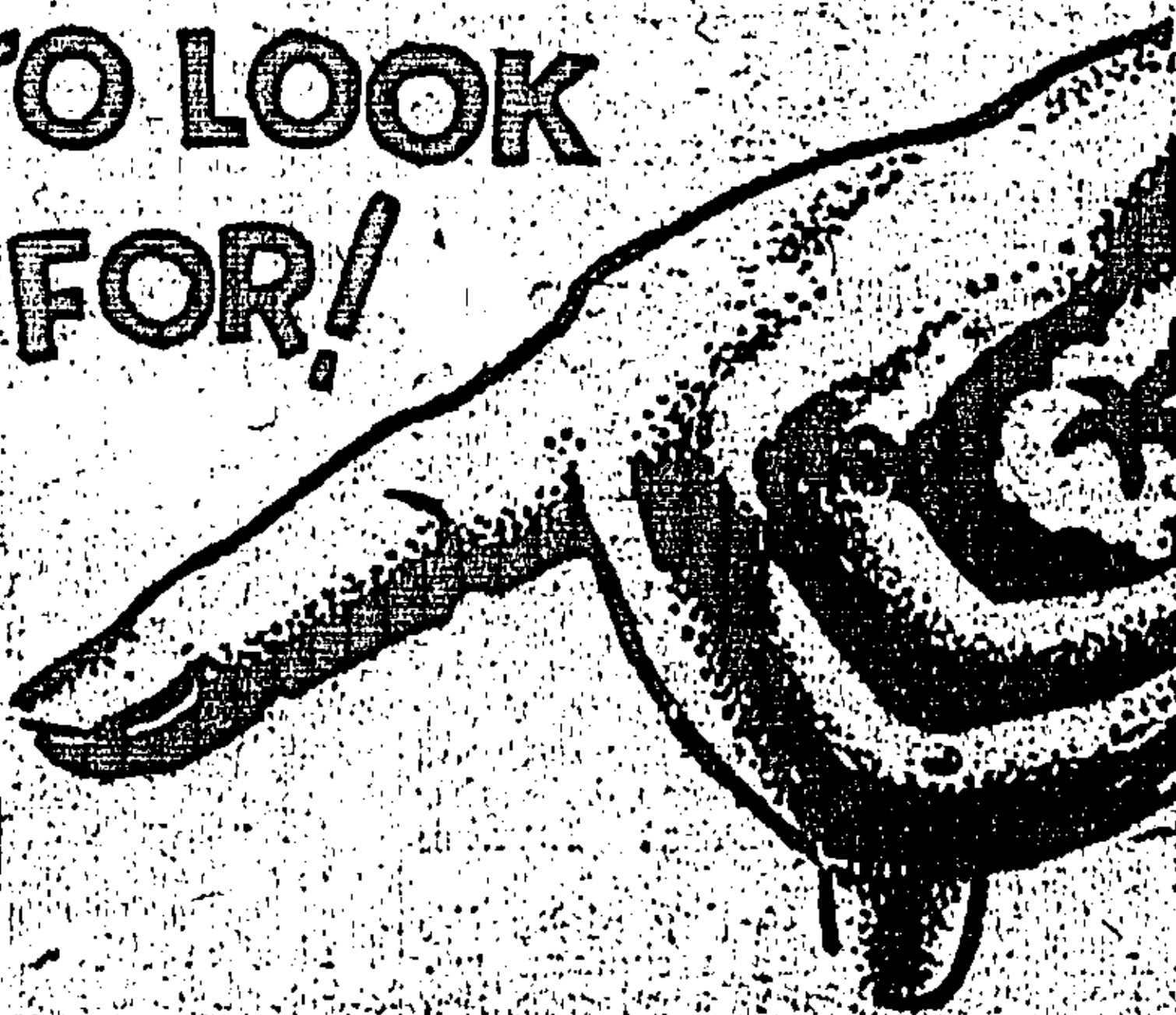
Teheran
Not
Occupied

Recent reports that Allied troops had occupied Teheran are incorrect, states an official communique issued in Simla yesterday.

The communique says: "Owing to atmospheric disturbances, communication with Iran and Iraq were subjected to interference the last few days."

"It is now established that recent Press and radio reports to the effect that Allied troops have occupied Teheran is incorrect. "The Allied forces are still encamped outside the city." — Reuter.

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REUTER VISITS SOVIET FRONT

Desolate Yelnya Battlefield

Grim Evidences Of Heavy Fighting

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Russia, on the Yelnya Smolensk Front).

"I AM WRITING THIS DESPATCH FROM YELNYA, PRINCIPAL TOWN OF THE LARGE SALIENT WHICH THE RUSSIANS RECAPTURED AFTER SMASHING EIGHT GERMAN DIVISIONS IN A MONTH-LONG BATTLE WHICH PROVED ONE OF THE WAR'S FIERCEST STRUGGLES.

"It is now nearly a week since I left Moscow for the first trip to the front accorded to any foreign journalist. Since then I have travelled along many roads — often incredible roads — along the Smolensk sector of the Eastern front.

"One re-captured village I visited remains very vividly in my memory. Unlike so many others there are few houses still standing, but the only inhabitants were one peasant and three children, and one blind woman who had been rendered insane through the experiences through which she had passed.

"I saw her wandering through, carrying from place to place her only possessions — one pail, one sheepskin and a few pathetic rags.

"But the three children were already busy digging up the potatoes from the recaptured fields.

Hereabouts, and to the east, the countryside was devastated by the Germans before they were driven out by the Russian pincer movement further west.

"The result of this pincer movement was that thousands of Germans were killed or captured, while other German forces were compelled to withdraw rapidly from the bottle-neck, abandoning strong positions and masses of equipment.

Yelnya Ruin

"The Germans are now 11 miles from Yelnya and are being driven further away. Smolensk is still in German hands, but the Russians are not very far off. In Yelnya the only building relatively intact is one church.

The remainder of this town, which formerly had 6,000 inhabitants, now consists mainly of a few chimney stacks and heaps of rubble and ashes.

"A large number of inhabitants, trapped by the sudden arrival of the Germans, were formed into forced labour gangs and sent to the German rear, and nobody knows what has happened to them, though some escaped into the woods or managed to reach the Russian lines, while others are still trickling back, though there is nowhere in town left for them to live in.

Burning Inferno

"When the Germans decided to evacuate the town on the night of September 4, they ordered the remaining few hundred inhabitants, mostly old people and children, to assemble inside a church which they locked up. Before leaving the town, the Germans systematically set fire to every house which had so far escaped destruction, and it was into this burning inferno that Russian troops re-entered.

"I travelled to-day along the road where the Germans retreated before abandoning Yelnya. I started in the morning from Dorogobuzh which had never been in German hands, but which was almost completely destroyed by terror raids during the month of July. "It was uncanny, driving in the darkness, through an unknown town with the silhouettes of nothing but burnt out houses with the sky showing through all the windows — like skulls instead of faces.

"After wading through deep mud, I at last reached an Army

hut where I was given supper by the local commander and put up on heaps of straw. I will tell about the Russian officers later.

Devastation

"This morning I drove across a town that looked like a devastated piece of Stepney. The Army was generally taking care of the people whose homes had been burned, but in the villages around life seemed to go on, strangely normally despite the fact that many thatched roofs have been blown away by the blast, and there were many craters in the roadside.

"There were pigs, geese and hens on the roads, but things were different on entering a country which had either been No Man's Land or occupied by the Germans who had systematically destroyed or taken away all livestock which there had not been time to evacuate before they arrived.

In No Man's Land, one of the fiercest battles had been fought in wide fields of over-ripe flax and rye still uncut. I got to a village which had been the centre of this battle. Nothing was left of it but a few burned stumps.

Labyrinth Of Trenches

"Called Ushakovo, it stands on an advantageous height overlooking a semi-circle of woods a couple of miles distant which was held by the Russians. The Germans made this village their stronghold, but it was the Russians who advanced, step by step, digging themselves as they advanced during several weeks from three directions until the Germans were finally forced to withdraw.

"Allotments round and through Ushakovo were a labyrinth of German trenches. Some 500 yards distant, were lines rapidly constructed by night of Russian trenches and in between these were indentations where the advancing Russian soldiers ducked when approaching the German lines.

"The terrain occupied by the Germans was like a lunar landscape with shell craters proving the accuracy of Russian artillery.

Mournful Scene

The fierceness of the battle was shown by the large mound fenced off and decorated with fir branches and wild flowers where hundreds of Russian soldiers were buried. German bodies filled numerous shell-holes now covered up. Around this mournful scene, uncut rye fields and potato patches grown by peasants in the now non-existent village were whipped by the autumn rain.

"The ground was littered with

ABLE TO MEET ALL DEMANDS

THE UNITED STATES DEFENCE PROGRAMME HAS REACHED A POINT WHERE IT IS ABLE TO MEET ALL DEMANDS FOR TANKS, SMALL GUNS AND AMMUNITION, DECLARED MR. WILLIAM KNUDSEN, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE OFFICE OF PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT, IN CHICAGO YESTERDAY.

Calling for still greater effort, he declared, that it was time for the country to "get behind the armament programme and see it through regardless of the sacrifices we may have to make in our comfortable standard of living. "I think it behoves us all to wake up,"—Reuter.

INTER-ALLIED CONFERENCE IN LONDON

THE MAIN ITEMS for debate at the forthcoming inter-Allied conference in London will, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, probably be:—

- (1) the Atlantic Charter, signed by Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt.
- (2) Plans for post-war reconstruction in all the allied countries.

Mr. Churchill will be the principal British representative. Russia will be represented for the first time at these conferences and her delegate is expected to be the Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky.

All the Allied countries will naturally subscribe to the aims of the Atlantic Charter.

It is thought that postwar plans will be discussed for a switchover from war to peacetime production, including the collection and storage of raw materials and their distribution where the need is greatest in the countries concerned. The idea, it is assumed, is that reconstruction shall be tackled as

German equipment and newspapers, tin hats and even letters still legible despite the rain. There was also the wreckage of a German armoured car and the carcass of a horse.

"A couple of miles north was a German observation post—a quarry sliced into the side of a hill with well-made galleries and dug-outs furnished with furniture stolen from the villages. Above this were the German artillery positions.

It was a stronghold protected by a stream, and the construction of it as well as the equipment, left behind left the impression of great thoroughness and efficiency.

"This position was clearly hastily abandoned when the bottleneck further west threatened to close in altogether.—Reuter.

ANOTHER LETTER FROM KONOYE?

Replying to a question by newspapermen yesterday whether another letter has been received by President Roosevelt from the Japanese Prime Minister, Prince Konoye, Mr. Cordell Hull said he had no information about it.—Reuter.

BURMA IMMIGRATION AGREEMENT

An agreement relating to Chinese immigration into Burma has been reached on various important points at the conference between the Chinese and Burmese delegates in Rangoon yesterday.

The points are not detailed in the communique, which, however, states that they are subject to acceptance by the two governments and to agreement being reached on the remaining points.—Reuter.

GERMANS TELL OF TRUTH

Increased weight of bombing by the Royal Air Force has driven the Nazis to change their policy of attempting to conceal air raid damage from their people.

Their communiques now make a virtue of necessity, and with a great show of moral indignation they assert after a night of vigorous attacks on Berlin and the Ruhr, that "damage was done to buildings in residential quarters, but no military damage was caused." After a very heavy attack, like the attack on the Ruhr on the night of June 11 they are even franker and admit that "in Cologne, Duisburg and Bochum, great destruction was caused in residential quarters." But the communique also says that "industrial plants and railway lines suffered only slight damage."

This is the well-worn German trick of a lie which is a distorted half truth. Great destruction certainly was caused in Cologne, Duisburg, and Bochum on the night of June 11—so much was true. Some of it may well have been in residential quarters, for in the thickly populated industrial areas of the Ruhr and the Rhineland, houses and munition factories are packed tightly together. Industrial plants and railway lines suffered damage that also was true. What was false was that the damage to them was slight.

The whole truth was that industries, railways and houses all shared in the great destruction, for when factories were hit, houses suffered also. The destruction of their homes could not be concealed from the German people; so much therefore the Nazis were forced to admit.

In recent attacks on Hamburg over 5,000 houses are reliably reported to have been destroyed or seriously damaged. Devastation on such a scale is quite impossible to conceal, and the German propagandists have had to face the fact and make the best use of it they can.

But there is other destruction which they do not and dare not admit. For example, hits were scored on the Blohm and Voss shipbuilding yards in Hamburg, the yards in which many of Germany's submarines are built.

More recently, on the June 25 they admitted that "British planes dropped H.E. and incendiary bombs in Western and N.W. Germany," adding "the civilian population suffered some losses in dead and injured but there was no damage to military or important war objects." The use of the word "important" is significant! The German admission followed the British announcement of heavy attacks on objectives at Cologne, Düsseldorf and the naval base at Kiel.

ON MURDER CHARGE AT 18

An eighteen-year-old cinema operator, Leslie Walter Hammond of Buckland Avenue, Dover, was charged with the murder of George Thomas Roberts, 50, manager of the Plaza Cinema, Dover. Hammond is employed at the cinema.

Before the arrest was made known Hammond was interviewed by Detective-Superintendent Rawlings, of Scotland Yard in a first-floor room at the police station.

Heavy black curtains were drawn across one of the windows throughout the interview to conceal those inside from passers-by.

Mr. Roberts, who had been manager only four months, was found dead in a cellar under the cinema.

GREEK PREMIER'S MESSAGE

IN A MESSAGE TO THE BRITISH PEOPLE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ARRIVAL WITH KING GEORGE OF GREECE IN BRITAIN, THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER, M. TSOUDELOS SAID: "WE ARE EXTREMELY HAPPY TO FIND OURSELVES HERE AMONG THE BRITISH PEOPLE."

"We intend to carry on to the very end this struggle at the side of the British against the Nazis and Fascist tyrants of Europe."

"We are going to build up our resources to continue this fight until the victory of which I am confident. It is impossible to say how long we shall stay here. We are tremendously proud to come to London, capital of not only the British Empire but of all freedom-loving peoples."—Reuter.

Indications Of Orderly Soviet Withdrawal At Kiev

Loss Serious But Far From Fatal

IT WOULD BE IDLE, WRITES ANNALIST, TO DENY THAT THE LOSS OF KIEV IS A SERIOUS BLOW TO RUSSIA.

The destruction and wreckage of this beautiful old town is a loss to civilisation, but it is far from being a knock-out blow either to the Soviet forces in general or to those of Marshal Budenny in particular.

It shows that if a determined commander is prepared to pay the price, he can achieve very considerable successes, but the price at Kiev must have been appallingly high and the question is bound to arise sooner or later, How often will the Germans be able to afford it?

With the conquest of each strong position a new one seems to rear itself before the German advance and new armies appear which show the same undaunted resolution of those who have fallen back after inflicting the maximum of punishment on the enemy.

German Figures

It is significant that the Germans seized the moment of the capture of Kiev to publish their first detailed list of alleged losses in the first three months of the campaign. Although 400,000 casualties are admitted, the figures are regarded by experts to be ridiculously low, and it is evident that the High Command waited for some success to sugar the pill before they dared to make any announcement.

There is no further news as to the fighting round Leningrad or in the vicinity of Smolensk. Further south, the Germans appear to be aiming at Rostov in the mouth of the Don, but Kharkov is more likely to be the next important target as it would threaten the whole of the Donetz Basin. —Reuter.

SWEETIE PIE TO MARRY

Sweetie Pie, or as she is formally known in private life — Sister Lilian Mary Gutteridge, is to be married.

Sister Gutteridge is the Stockton-on-Tees girl who, at the outbreak of war, volunteered for service became a Florence Nightingale to the wounded men in the retreat to Dunkirk.

She saw the ship on which she, and her patients were to be evacuated, sunk, and, for three days she tended them ashore.

Miss Gutteridge, who was posted to Palestine after Dunkirk, is to be married at St. George's Cathedral, Jerusalem, to Superintendent James Loftus Otway, of the Tribal Guard, Aden, and formerly of the C.I.D. at Jerusalem.

AUSTRALIAN BANKS CUT INTEREST

As from yesterday, the fixed deposit rates of Australian banks have been reduced by a further six pence per annum making an aggregate reduction of 15 shillings per cent since the outbreak of the war.

The new rates are three months, 1½ per cent; six months, 1¾ per cent; one year, 2 per cent; and two years, 2½ per cent. —Reuter.

MR. FIREWORKS AND STAFF

The success of a bombing attack depends on many people, and not least on the armament officer—"Mr. Fireworks" as he is sometimes called—and his staff of armourers. They not only prepare for action the bombs and guns, the bomber's offensive and defensive weapons, but also its varied collection of pyrotechnics—smoke flares, flame floats, sea markers, and signal cartridges.

The armourer has one of the most fascinating jobs on a bomber station. Men who were mechanics in civilian life are often attracted to it, but some of the most expert armourers were once clerks, shop assistants, or business men. They work in shifts from the return of the aircraft in the dawn to the take-off in the dusk. Their first job is to examine any faults in armament that may be reported by the crews when they land. During the morning the armourers examine the guns, the bomb racks, and then all the rest of the aircraft's armament. One of the armourer's jobs is to help the air gunner to harmonize his multiple guns so that they make the right cone of fire.

Later in the day the armourer tests the gun turrets and loads the ammunition in magazine pans and belts. He gives special attention to the bomb racks and tests them with dummy bombs to make sure that the release catches are working properly. The bombs must be fused before they are loaded, a task which might be thought dangerous but is entirely safe in the hands of these well-trained men. Just before the take-off the safety pins are removed and handed to the bomb-aimer.

As the aircraft taxi to the end of the runway the armourers stand on the edge of the flying field to watch the take-off. They know that their day's work is about to be tested on the enemy and that if there should be anything wrong with the bomb release gear, or a gun should jam, the first call after the return in the morning will be for the armourer. If he has one regret it is that he never gets the chance to see the actual results of his work. He would like to see the bombs bursting on German factories and shipyards, and the guns which he has cleaned and tended, bringing down an enemy fighter. But his reward comes when the gunner, climbing stiffly from his turret in the morning, tells him that the Brownings worked perfectly, or when the observer reports that the bombs dropped without a hitch.



Flying at times less than 100ft from the ground a strong force of Heinkel aircraft of the R.A.F. Bomber Command delivered a daylight attack upon two great power stations near Cologne on August 12. One of the targets was Fortuna Power Station and this photograph shows how the pilots flew their aircraft almost at ground level to press home the attack. Photo shows a general view of bomb bursts on the target photographed from an attacking aircraft.

IRAN'S CABINET RECONSTITUTED

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

SEVEN NEW Ministers are included in the reconstituted Iranian Cabinet which the Prime Minister, Mr. Foroughi, presented to Parliament.

The remaining four Ministers were in the make-shift Cabinet formed after the cessation of Persian military resistance, and the most important of the new Ministers are:—

Foreign Affairs: Ali Sahili, formerly Minister of the Interior and one-time Ambassador to Kabul;

War: General Ahmed Nakhjavan, whom the Shah dismissed from the War Ministry and threw into prison when the cease-fire order was given;

Interior: General Amanollah Jahanbani, who was educated in Russia and whom the Shah two years ago, in a moment of rage, dismissed from the Ministry of Industry and deprived of his generalship;

Education: Dr. Issa Sadiq, educated at Cambridge, Paris and Columbia University.

The new Cabinet is regarded as politically strong. The two emissaries, sent by the Government to the ex-Shah at Isfahan, have now returned bearing a letter in which the ex-Shah cedes all his property in Iran to the Iranian people.

HE STILL RETAINS HIS ENORMOUS WEALTH DEPOSITED IN FOREIGN BANKS, MOSTLY IN AMERICA, AND THIS IS ESTIMATED BY SOME IRANIANS TO TOTAL NEARLY £45,000,000. —REUTER.

GREETINGS TO THE KING OF GREECE

Their Majesties the King and Queen drove to Euston Station to meet King George of Greece on his arrival in London last night.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent, Mr. Winston Churchill, Mr. Anthony Eden, and other members of Government were also present. A large crowd welcomed the Greek King with cheers. —Reuter.

NAVAL REPAIRS IN U.S.

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT ANNOUNCED THAT TWELVE BRITISH WARSHIPS, INCLUDING THREE BATTLESHIPS, HAVE BEEN IN UNITED STATES PORTS, IN ADDITION TO THOSE MENTIONED A DAY OR TWO AGO.

All twelve have now left again. They were the battleships Resolution, Malaya and Rodney, the auxiliaries Canton, Southern Prince, Montclare, Bulolo and Laurie, the corvettes Tulip and Clarida, the destroyer Richmond and the armed merchant cruiser Aurania. —Reuter.

18B Prisoners Stay Another Year

THE GOVERNMENT took power yesterday to hold for another year 762 people detained under Defence Regulation 18B.

This was the effect of a motion moved in the House of Commons by the Under-Secretary to the Home Office.

The whole operation of the Emergency Powers Act is extended for one year.

The Under-Secretary said: "It is a great pain and grief to me that I am not able to give M.P.s the detailed information upon which these people have been detained."

"(But they will see that where you are detaining persons without charge, it is unfair to pass on to anyone the grounds of suspicion, for it is only suspicion upon which they are being held.)"

Foreign Control

Altogether, 1,779 orders for detention had been made. Of the 762 still detained, 292 were members of organisations subject to foreign influence.

Mr. Lees-Smith (Soc., Keighley) said: "It is not a criminal offence to have been a Fascist, though you may be a potential danger in time of war."

"They are not the kind of people we want to have wandering about in time of invasion. That is why this special power is necessary."

Why In Prison?

Mr. Maxton (I.L.P., Bridgton) said of the case against Captain Ramsay, M.P.: "I have read the thing fairly closely and I can see nothing in the evidence that leads me to think that he ought to be shut in a prison. (Laughter.)"

"I cannot see any evidence that this man was a danger to the general safety and security of the realm."

Mr. Maxton said one man was twelve months in gaol before he got to the tribunal. Immediately he came before the tribunal they recommended his release.

BABIES IN A TRUNK

WHEN EVA KIRBY, AGED 28, CHARWOMAN, OF WALCOTT STREET, HULL, WAS SENTENCED TO 10 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT AT YORK ASSIZES ON THE CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER OF HER FEMALE CHILD, IT WAS STATED THAT CHILDREN PLAYING IN AN EMPTY HOUSE FOUND THE BODIES OF THREE BABIES IN A TRUNK.

Kirby, who formerly lived in the house, said she put the baby concerned in the charge in the trunk when she found it was dead, but denied any knowledge of the other two.

The police described her as a quiet, inoffensive woman very fond of children.

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TANKS FOR RUSSIA DRIVE: M. MAISKY SEES ENTHUSIASM

THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR to Britain, M. Maisky, visited tank factories in the Midlands yesterday to receive the first tanks in the "Tanks for Russia Week."

Madame Maisky named the first tank which was of the Valentine type "Stalin."

The Ambassador expressed gratitude for "these very excellent machines" on behalf of himself, his country and people and more particularly "on behalf of those brave Red Army men who will man these tanks in the battlefield."

He said they would not rust in idleness.

Immediately following the ceremony, the tanks rumbled off to the docks on the first stage of their journey to Russia.

On some tanks nearing completion were painted or chalked the names of Karl Marx, Lenin, Timoshenko, Budenny and Voroshilov.

One tank almost ready for delivery already bore these words "Moscow here I come."

Rush 'Em For Russia

As soon as the Ambassador's train pulled into Midlands' station, M. Maisky saw two Valentine tanks one flying the Union Jack and the other the Red Flag.

They were covered with posters announcing "Tanks for Russia—Every Second counts."

Touring the factory the Ambassador saw slogans such as "Another one for Joe," and "Rush 'em for Russia."

The workmen told the Ambassador that they were working 66½ hours a week to turn out weapons for Russia. The first factory visited had a Red Flag fluttering from the roof.

"It looks to me a very efficient factory," said M. Maisky, "and the reception we got was very enthusiastic."

Great Inspiration

He noticed all slogans and Russian names printed on the sides of the tanks "and this was a great inspiration to me. I know the Midlands as a very great and active industrial centre and I am not surprised at the great production going on."

"We are satisfied that the workers are doing their best to turn out tanks for Russia and they seem very enthusiastic. We want these tanks to get to Russia as soon as possible and we want as many as you can send. We will use all of them and in any quantities."

Record Increase Likely

THAT THE "TANKS FOR RUSSIA WEEK" WILL SHOW A RECORD INCREASE IN PRODUCTION IS INDICATED BY REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY LAST NIGHT FROM ALL FACTORIES MAKING TANKS AND TANK COMPONENTS.

After M. Maisky had told the workers at one factory "we will go on fighting to the end, until our enemy is crushed for ever," the works manager mounted a tank and asked the workers: "What is your answer?"

"More tanks," they chorused. Madame Maisky. In this factory, named three Valentine tanks, "Molotov," "Timoshenko" and "Budenny."—Reuter.

"WRENS" PREFER MEN

When Sir Francis Fremantle (Com. St. Albans) questioned the Financial Secretary to the Admiralty about the use of women medical officers in the Navy, the Financial Secretary said that the W.R.N.S. was recently circularised on the matter, and only 2½ per cent had expressed a wish to have women doctors. (Cheers and laughter.)

"That shows how reactionary the Navy is," called out Dr. Edith Summerskill.

WOMAN INTO 'JACKDAW'

A woman of independent means squandered a legacy of £4,000 and became a "human jackdaw" when she was penniless.

Martha Minnie Ralph, 54, of Prescott Road, Liverpool, pleaded guilty at Liverpool Police Court to stealing a fur and other articles to the value of £18 and to being in unlawful possession of a large quantity of articles, the value of which was not stated.

She was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Mr H. R. Balmer prosecuting, said: "When her money had gone, she appears to have become a kind of female jackdaw."

"She has filled her rooms in one house after another with the goods, converting the place into a storehouse, and then has taken other accommodation."

Tripoli Shipping Attacked

A series of successful attacks have been made on enemy shipping in the region of Tripoli, states the R.A.F. Middle East communiqué.

In one of these attacks, carried out by bombers of the Royal Air Force, one large schooner received several direct hits and the crew immediately abandoned the ship which was left a mass of flames.

Another schooner, after being hit, blew up with such terrific force that one of our aircraft making the attack was destroyed by the blast.

On September 20, one heavily-laden merchant ship off Kerkenna was bombed, set on fire and left sinking. An enemy destroyer off Tripoli was successfully attacked.

Benghazi was raided on the night of September 20/21 by heavy bombers of the R.A.F., several hits being scored on the central and outer moles. From these operations, two of our aircraft are missing.—Reuter.

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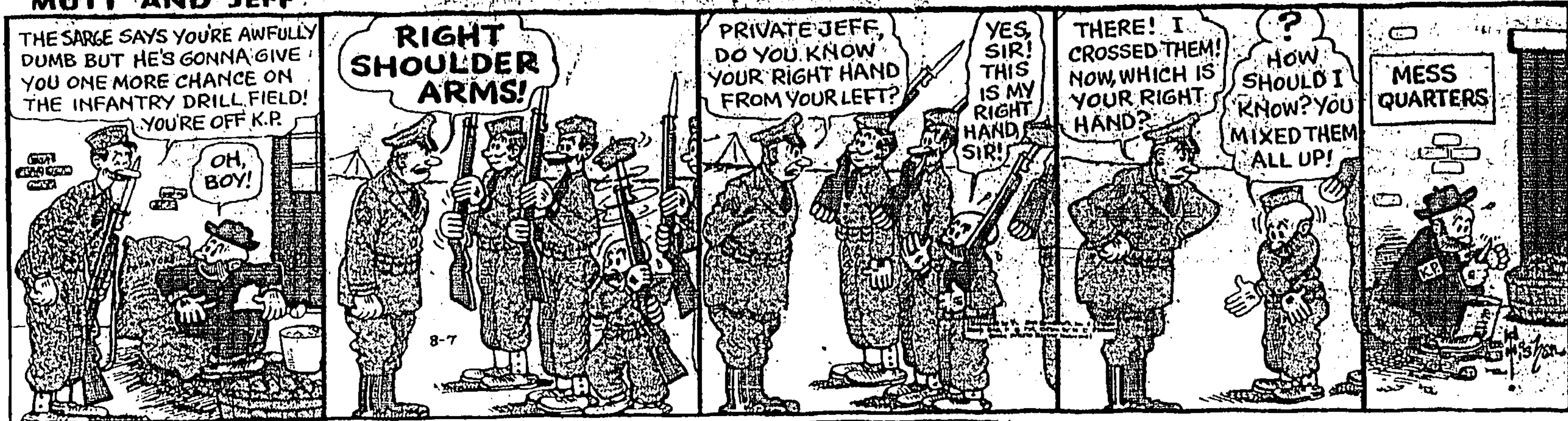
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BOY HOLDS UP ARMED RAIDERS

A boy of 16 held up the crew of four of a Junkers 88 bomber which, hit during a raid on the north, crashed in a field at Santown, Isle of Wight.

Two of the Germans were armed.

The lad, Geoffrey Jones, was modest about his exploit.

"I was after foxes with my sporting gun and saw the plane circling round," he said.

"The crew all came towards me. I more or less threatened them with my gun, and two of the Germans who had automatics started waving them about.

"I tried to take them off them, but they would not give them.

"I told them they had better come to the fort, and we had just moved off when another man, Stanley Woodnutt, came up. Five minutes later an R.A.F. escort met us and took charge of the prisoners."

Menace Of The Old School Tie

THE GREATEST menace to Britain is the continuance of the old school tie predominance in politics, according to Captain Cunningham-Reid, ex-Varsity man and Conservative M.P. for St. Marylebone.

Captain Cunningham-Reid, an "old boy" of University College, London, and Clare College, Cambridge, said this in the House of Commons when he made a slashing attack on the activities of the Whips' Office.

A practice had developed, he said that overlooked inefficiency providing the offender conformed to the standard of the "Margesson school"—a system whereby the discipline of Government Ministers and supporters was controlled by the Whips.

The Chief Whip was not likely to recommend to the Prime Minister of the day that some brilliant stormy petrel with the strength of his convictions should be given a Government appointment.

That was why the present Prime Minister, Lord Beaverbrook and, he understood, the late Lord Rothermere were constantly ex-

cluded from succeeding Governments.

The Whips Office, being the main stepping-stone to all other Government appointments, was it surprising that many key positions were held by "jolly good fellows" whose ability was indifferent?

Break Up Old Boys

There were first-class men in the House who did not conform to these conventions.

No man worked harder to keep the present Prime Minister out of office than Captain Margesson, who was Chief Whip for many years.

"It is very difficult," added Captain Cunningham-Reid, "to teach old dogs new tricks, and only a few of these old dogs are likely to learn new tricks. Fresh minds with new tricks are likely to win this war."

Is it not time that the Baldwin-Chamberlain old boys' re-union was broken up and replaced by all and sundry, regardless of the colour of their ties, providing they are of outstanding ability in their own particular sphere and possess the necessary thoroughness and ruthlessness to better the Hun?

COMPOSER SALVAGE MAN

DR. R. VAUGHAN WILLIAMS, O.M., THE COMPOSER, IS COLLECTING SALVAGE IN DORKING, SURREY, WHERE HE LIVES.

Grimy with dirt and perspiration, he goes round streets with a refuse lorry calling at houses to collect waste paper, bottles, bones, old iron—a replica of Syd Walker. In Dorking, an organisation has been formed called "The Volunteer Salvage Corps." Dr. Vaughan Williams was one of the first recruits. The corps started work recently.

Each volunteer collects salvage three hours a week (from 6 to 9 p.m.), each street being visited regularly on the same evening every week.

The local Urban Council supply lorries and paid drivers; the salvage collectors are volunteers.

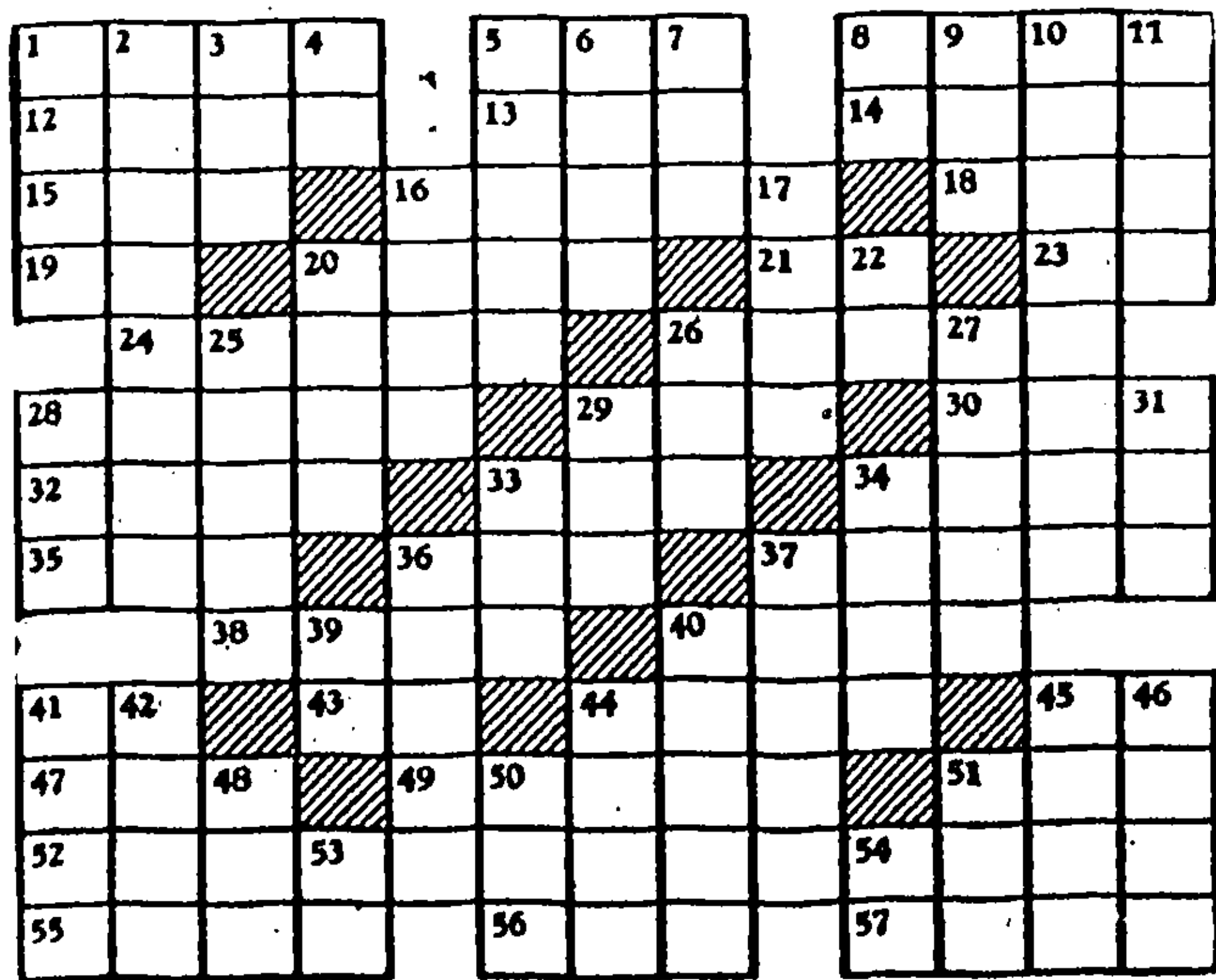
The Dorking amateur scavengers include, along with Dr. Vaughan Williams, the local Methodist minister (the Rev. E. Evans) and professional men.

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- 21 Cooled lava
- 23 Not any
- 24 Stout
- 26 Place of meeting
- 28 Thick soup
- 29 To abet
- 30 Woodland folly
- 32 Burden
- 33 To be obliged to
- 34 Pink
- 35 Protein
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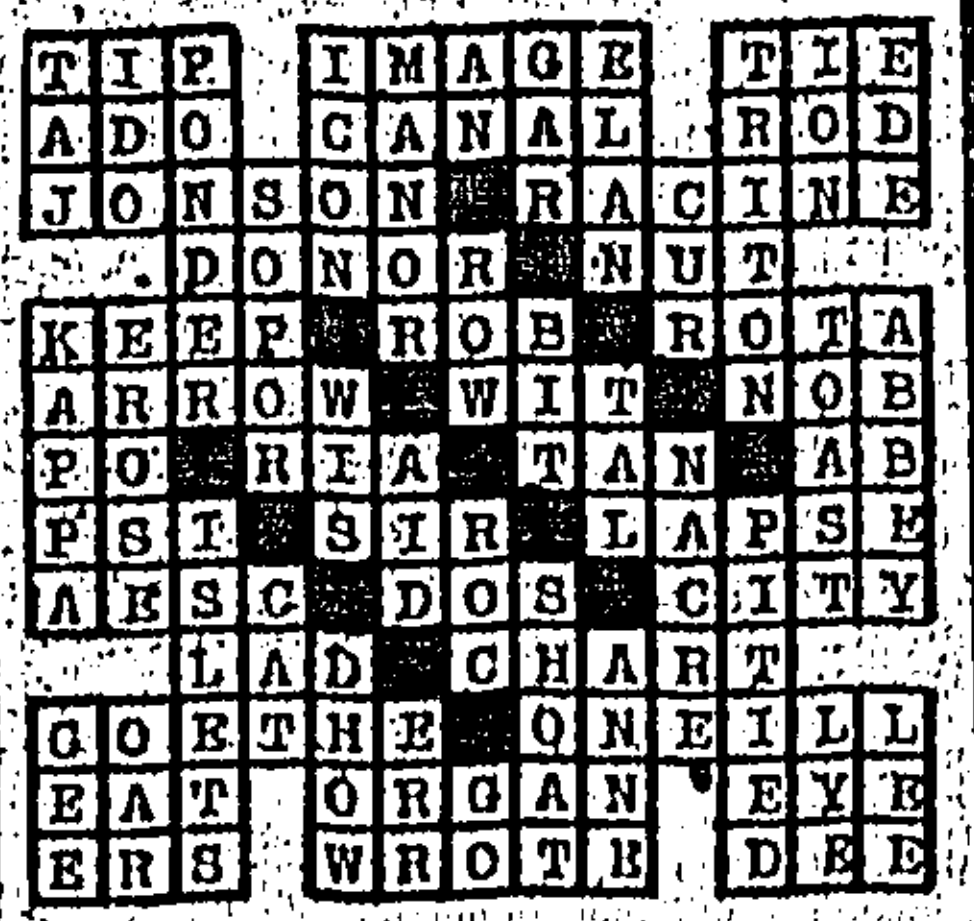
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- 2 To disregard
- 3 Being
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- 6 Chills and fever
- 7 Water barrier
- 8 Sun god
- 9 Frozen water

VERTICAL

- 10 Illusory appearance
- 11 Colloquial: air vehicle
- 16 Instance
- 17 Poet
- 20 Dregs
- 22 Cry of sorrow
- 25 Skirmish
- 26 To equal
- 27 Humorous: ghost
- 28 Hawaiian food
- 29 Fear
- 31 Bird's beak
- 33 Poem
- 34 Daughter of Uranus
- 36 Golden-breasted trumpeter
- 37 Ancient musical instrument
- 39 Above
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- 41 Fraud
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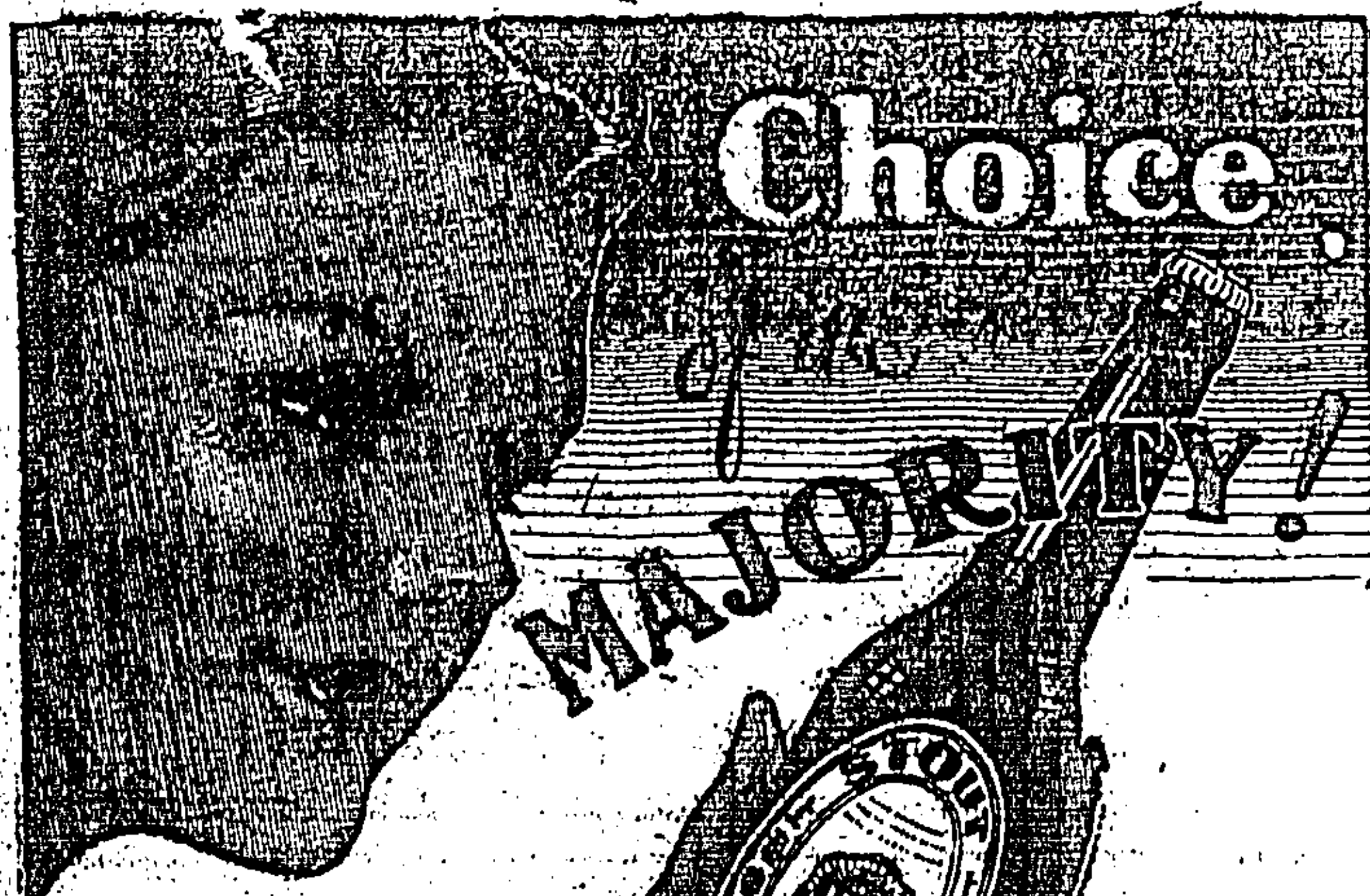
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REDS FACE DEATH WITHOUT APPEAL

VICHY SETS UP COURTS TO DEAL WITH SABOTEURS

(By John Elliott)

SPURRED TO ACTION by a series of acts of violence in the occupied and unoccupied zones culminating in the assassination of a colonel of the German Army in the Paris subway, the government of Marshal Henri Petain has decided on a number of drastic measures to repress "communist and anarchist" agitation.

The "Journal Officiel" announced on August 23 the setting-up of special sections of military courts to deal with the situation.

These special tribunals are empowered by the decree to "act quickly and strike severely" the "Marxist propagandists" and can impose the death penalty.

FRENCH MOOD OF DISTRUST

Although reports of intensified anti-German movements throughout occupied Europe may mostly be attributed to the feeling that German strength has been switched eastwards and to the fact that in many areas Italian troops are replacing the German occupation forces, news of anti-Petain and anti-German disturbances in Paris is interesting.

Brittany has hitherto been the only province of France where sabotage and even attacks on Germans have been noted on anything like the scale of some other occupied countries.

Sporadic movements in France must not be exaggerated, for the impression most neutral travellers get is one of resignation and pre-occupation with individual interests.

Many Frenchmen are making fortunes by collaboration. Nearly every one has relatives who are prisoners. There is a lack of realisation that the last thing the Darlan Government wants is the release of the prisoners, who are rightly suspected of not being enthusiastic collaborators for the new order.

Discourtesy To Strangers

Most people who have been in France confirm the violent anti-foreign feeling there, and general discourtesy to travellers. The French, however, always show xenophobia in times of trouble, as in the 1925 catastrophic fall of the franc, when British and American tourists who were bringing good money into the country were booed and stoned.

In France, as in French North Africa, one gets black looks if heard speaking a foreign language or even French with a foreign accent, but in fairness one must say that this attitude applies to other peoples.

AIR-RAID SHELTER POPULATION DROPS

An official census showed that 104,000 persons made use of public air-raid shelters in London during July while 556,000 used domestic shelters.

This compared with a record total of 470,200 persons using public shelters and 2,134,000 domestic shelters during the height of the air blitz last November.

Only 22,800 took refuge in subways in July as compared with a record of 54,000 in February, the census showed.

From the decisions of these summary courts no appeal will be possible and their sentences will be executed immediately.

Reprisals

In taking this action, the Petain government hopes to avert any repetition of incidents such as might involve wholesale measures of reprisal by the German military authorities against the French civilian population.

For, in a decree General Ernst von Schaumburg, the German military commander of Paris, warned that in the event of any further attacks on German soldiers, Frenchmen held under arrest by the authorities of occupation would be regarded as hostages and a number of them would be executed corresponding to the enormity of the offence.

Means of repression of Communist activities formed the subject of discussion at a Cabinet meeting held with Marshal Petain, presiding. Pierre Pucheu, the newly appointed Minister of the Interior, informed the meeting of the measures taken by the Vichy authorities to repress Communist plots and acts of sabotage and terrorism.

Gesture To Workers

Making a gesture of appeasement toward the working classes to show them that action against Communist is not aimed at the proletariat, the Cabinet decided to prepare a programme of concrete measures to overcome the consequences of the slowing down in industrial activity which has resulted from a lack of raw materials. No indication was given of nature of the program.

While attempting to diminish social discontent, the Petain government means to act pitilessly toward the Communists, whose recent acts it considers as tending to compromise the "national revolution." It is considered at Vichy that the recent series of demonstrations and acts of sabotage against the German troops have been ordered by Moscow, with the object of provoking incidents which would lead to open conflict between the French civilian population and the occupation authorities.

All Paris newspapers published prominently under a two-column head General von Schaumburg's warning to the French civilian population.

The Warning

Commenting "Let Petit Parisien" said: "This notice is doubtless a last warning to the saboteurs of French unity who are acting for the account of the Soviet and the Anglo-Jewish plutocracy. It reminds Frenchmen, forgetful of the defeat, that the German authorities can take measures much more energetic and severe in regard to the population."

Marcel Dest, writing in the Paris "L'Oeuvre," saw machinations of President Roosevelt and American Ambassador William D. Leahy (now on holiday in Switzerland) behind the Communist activities.

Rumours developed that two men had been arrested at Marseilles in connection with the unsolved assassination of Marx Dormoy, who was a Socialist leader under the Third Republic.

WOMEN DIPLOMATS, MUST BE SINGLE

Lord Ponsonby, describing himself as an "expert witness, having served in Constantinople and Copenhagen," told the House of Lords that he was in favour of women diplomats.

"But I have been thwarted by one problem," he said. "The Ambassador's wife can contribute much to the success of his career, but what about the Ambassador's husband?"

"He could wander into the chancellery and make himself a perfect nuisance, and no one could say anything to him."

"You can tell women candidates they must be spinsters, but that would raise another lot of questions, and I think we had better not confuse this complicated question."

BEAT DEATH THRICE

Leading Stoker William Arnold, of Birkenhead, the only rating to escape from the submarine Thetis in Liverpool Bay in 1939, is walking about Cape Town a very worried man.

His death escape on the Thetis does not worry him.

The fact that last year he was torpedoed in the Atlantic does not worry him.

Nor is he upset about his escape when serving on a cruiser which was sunk off Crete.

He was afloat then for hours on a hand-made raft until rescued by a destroyer.

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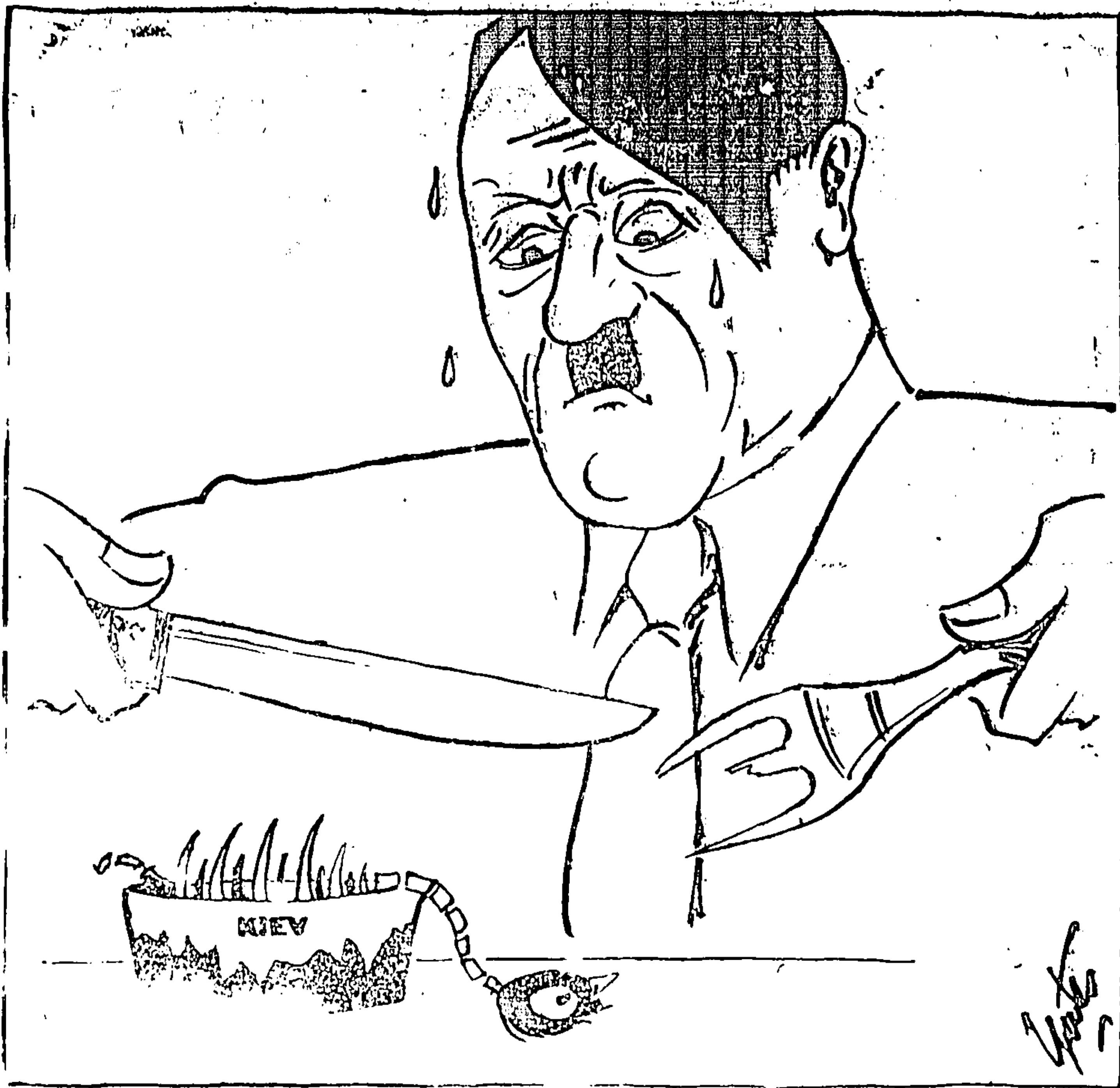
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HITLER CAN BE BEATEN

Three months ago, when gloom was a foot thick—after the fall of Crete, after the conquest of Yugoslavia and Greece, after the reverses in North Africa—it was hard to get a hearing for the opinion that the great fundamentals of moral and material power still lay on Britain's side, and that Hitler would never win this war. To-day, with Germany's best troops deeply embroiled in Russia, a good many of the gloomy prophets of two months ago have turned optimist. But the new confidence which they radiate seems to be based on their belief that Hitler is paying, and will continue to pay, a tremendous price for his Russian gains. If Russian resistance should collapse to-morrow a good many optimists would return to gloom again.

A fresh reminder of some of the fundamental factors on Britain's side—wholly regardless of the result of the German campaign in Russia—comes from the Brookings Institution, whose careful reports, on any question, always repay close study. The present report, a pamphlet published under the title of "A Short War Through Americana Industrial Supremacy," is the work of a French economist and industrialist, Louis Marlio, for ten years chairman of the great International Aluminum Cartel. It is M. Marlio's central thesis that Germany will lose the war because she is already operating at the peak of her industrial capacity and because she lacks both the natural resources and the technical and mechanical means to match the enormously superior production of guns and tanks and planes and ships that will come from the United States. This assertion he supports with data that should be persuasive to the faint-hearted.

He warns, however, that America ought not make the mistake of failing to decide whether she is preparing for a short war or a long war. For they cannot do both effectively. In this respect the situation would be more reassuring if there was in steel to build factories to Washington a board of produce more steel a year higher strategy—with no from now, and still have duties save to consider, as much steel for ships on the basis of the best and guns in the next evidence available, the twelve months. She ought answers to large questions to be planning deliber-



ASHES IN THE MOUTH

How Nazis Plunder

EVER since Goering invented his famous slogan "Guns or Butter," the Nazis have consistently used food as a political instrument. At a time when growing transport difficulties make it impossible to provide the population with even their meagre rations, food is often deliberately withheld from them—for political reasons.

In districts, for instance, with industries or mineral resources which are essential to the war effort the people receive issues of supplementary, unrationed food-stuffs, whenever discontent among the works finds expression in a diminished output. On the other hand, the least sign of dissatisfaction in areas not important to war economy is visited by a curtailment of supplies.

This treatment applies in a general way to whole districts, but distinctions are drawn between different categories of workers. The military, of course, receive the best rations, though here, too, a difference is made between fighting troops and occupying forces.

The best-treated class of civilians are workers in the heavy industries and miners. The result of this policy has been to create, within a community which is, generally speaking, ill or underfed, an "aristocracy of feeders" (the phrase has been coined in Germany since the war began) consisting of the pillars of Nazi domination—the SA and SS and those upon whom the Nazis depend for the maintenance of their war economy.

Bait For The Unemployed

On every occupation of a new country free meals are issued for the first few days from army kitchens. This charitable measure is loudly advertised and people are told that the requisite food is sent from Germany. In fact, however, it consists invariably of supplies "requisitioned" from reserves stored up by the occupied localities. As a rule, too, the local authorities subsequently receive a fat bill for this "free feeding" of their unemployed.

The object of these meals is to win over malcontents in the occupied territories in favour of the occupying forces. As soon as the occupying authorities introduce food rationing, which they do soon after their arrival, a labour recruiting campaign on behalf of Germany is launched among the working classes. The bait offered is the higher ration of food obtainable in Germany. Workers are thereby urged to avoid gradual starvation at home by "voluntarily" escaping to forced labour in Germany. If the bait is de-

By For Mercal

clined, reduced and, if even this fails to produce enough "volunteers," unemployment pay is cut off, leaving men no alternative but to sign on for work in Germany.

Food And "Haute Politique"

In the diplomatic field the Germans appear in agricultural countries as purchasers, before they proceed to overrun the country with their armies. The technique of these purchases is both simple and effective. It worked successfully in Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, and, almost, in Yugoslavia.

In all these countries low world prices were even before the war making it very difficult for farmers to earn a living. Germany, who is 100 per cent. self-supporting only in regard to potatoes, had always to buy cereals, oil-seeds etc., and, of course, tobacco, from south-east Europe. If then Berlin planned the military conquest of any of these countries, economic experts were sent on ahead.

These gentlemen offered to buy up the victims' whole surplus crops. For these surpluses the Nazis often paid prices above the world level, not merely in order that agricultural goods, which otherwise might lack a market, could be sold en bloc. Before the Economic Minister of the country concerned had time to give his opinion about these German offers, German wireless stations were already broadcasting Germany's generosity toward the poor Rumanian or Bulgarian farmer.

As a result, the Balkan Economic Ministers were besought by their agricultural interests to accept these German offers. The deal once made, the Germans left the bill unsettled.

The Balkan government was obliged to pay its farmers, without itself receiving the money from Germany. The clearing accounts of the Balkan countries in

trade with Germany grew larger and larger, the process continuing until their national finances were reduced to chaos. This was the cue for Quislings. The Nazis did not buy up the next year's harvest—at most only an insignificant part of it. The result was disaster.

Food As Propaganda

France was and still is being black-mailed by a threat to retain French prisoners of war or on to release them in small dribbles in exchange for concessions. France, one of the richest wheat-growing countries in Europe, is starving for lack of labourers to till the soil and because her seed is being carried off by the Germans. Seed can be obtained from Morocco, but there can be no adequate cultivation until the prisoners are returned. French prisoners of war are compelled to work in German fields.

Food is everywhere used by the Germans as propaganda. In the middle of March photographs appeared in all the Belgian papers showing potatoes being unloaded in Antwerp. The German caption to these photographs was as follows: "Germany sends food to Belgium." Oddly enough, Belgian potatoes were on sale at the same time at Aachen and Herbesthal (on the German-Belgian frontier), a fact which is not so odd when it is remembered that Belgium, short as she was of many food-stuffs, always produced a surplus of potatoes. The Belgians are not deceived by this form of propaganda.

Defensive Measures By The Czechs

Naturally, the inhabitants of the occupied territories are protecting themselves against the use of food as a weapon of war. For these various countries, are producers as well as consumers. In Denmark pigs and cattle have been slaughtered in secret on a large scale; the meat was sold on the black markets of the towns.

In the district of Iglau (Bohemia) the Nazis were faced with a strike by Czech cows over a period during which German cows yielded 17,000 litres of milk, Czech cows in the same area produced only 10,000 litres.

When Baron von Neurath went on leave last December, he took with him to Germany no fewer than twenty-seven cases of food. This did not prevent him on his return from publishing an article in a new periodical "Bohemia and Moravia," declaring that the Protectorate was dependent for food upon the Reich. This is true in so far as there is available in the Protectorate only what the Nazis do not remove. But the Czechs are on their guard. For food has become an instrument of war.

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SPECIAL MESSAGES by leading Chinese in Malaya, in connection with the "Aid-to-Britain" week launched by the Federation of China Relief Fund committees in south-east Asia, indicate in unequivocal terms the support of the Chinese community for the British cause.

The "Aid-to-Britain" week is in aid of the Lord Mayor's air raid distress fund, and it also marks the entry into its third year of a war, on the outcome of which the future of Democracy itself hinges.

Among the many messages is one from Sir Ong Siang Song, K.B.E. "The appeal of the Federation for spontaneous contributions to the Lord Mayor's air raid distress fund is one which deserves the support of every citizen of Malaya who is a British subject or who enjoys peace and security under the aegis of the British flag in these severe and unprecedented times," says Sir Ong Siang.

He continues: "Shall we not with all our goodwill and profound sympathy for the sufferers from air raids in Great Britain do our very best to support this week's appeal for our contributions in aid of the Lord Mayor's fund?"

Consul General

The Chinese Consul-General, Mr. Kao Ling-pai, writes: "The courage and tenacity with which the British people have been defending the righteous cause against aggression are most admirable and deserve the wholehearted and unstinted support of all right-thinking people, especially the Chinese who have been fighting for a common cause for the last four years.

Right must triumph over might, and there should not be any doubt that the Democracies will ultimately emerge victorious.

"Thankful as we are for the sympathy and support we have been receiving from the British Government and people, we should reciprocate such friendly gesture by offering them as much as we can. Let us not forget that world peace is simply inseparable and that Democracy must be upheld at all costs."

Mr. Choo Kia Peng

"Britain and China are fighting to-day for freedom, and we Chinese in Malaya cannot do better than promote a closer friendship and understanding between the British Empire and China," says Mr. Choo Kia Peng, a Chinese leader of Kuala Lumpur.

"Since the reopening of the Burma Road, aid to China has been accelerated," he continues. "This has been made possible by the collaboration of Great Britain. So let us not forget amidst the turmoil of war and destruction this great help, and, in return, let us give what we can, for by giving we are not only helping Britain but also in some measure helping to defend China."

"To all Chinese living in the British Empire, I say do not forget China's only life-line the Burma Road, is kept open by Great Britain and the Empire, so that the Republic of China can continue the fight against aggression and for her existence."

Mr. Cheak Huan Cheong

"There is no question as to the importance of China and Britain, being in the closest relationship," says Mr. Cheak Huan Cheong of Johore. "This friendship is going to mean a tremendous lot to us, the Chinese in Malaya."

"Britain's victory is China's victory. For our very lives and livelihood, we must help Britain to the uttermost to win this war."

"We Chinese stand now with Great Britain and the other democracies. Their fight is our fight. We are united in one purpose and doggedly we will fight on until victory is ours."

This statement comes from Mr. B. Seow of Ipoh, who points out that China had been alone for a long time and had borne the first blow of aggression and greed.

"Now China is not alone," he adds. "We have formed ourselves

into a common front of democratic nations. . . ."

Dr. Lim Boon Keng

"The Chinese people as a whole are absolutely of one mind and one heart to stand together in order to render every possible service to the British Government," says Dr. Lim Boon Keng, who is well-known throughout Malaya and China.

He continues: "True to their ancient cultural traditions, they will always be loyal to the country in which they have their being as they have been taught from childhood 'never to forget the the spring when they have a cup of water to drink.'"

"Let us one and all do our best to demonstrate our determination to assist in this fight against aggression, in which Britain now shoulders the principal part."

Mr. Richard Chuan Hoe Lim strikes the correct note when he says: "No call for aid to China has ever fallen on deaf ears or cold hearts in Britain. The call for aid to Britain now shall likewise meet with our warm and eager response."

Addressing a message to Chinese women in Malaya, Mrs. Lee Choon Guan, well-known for her interest in charitable work, says: "We need to rally as women in other parts of the world are rallying to give aid to Britain to ensure that freedom, justice, honour, goodwill and order shall ever be the heritage of the human race."

Mr. Tan Chin Tuan

Mr. Tan Chin Tuan, a Singapore Chinese leader and Municipal Commissioner, asks the Chinese in Malaya to remember the clarion call of the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill. The call was: "Come then, let us to the task, to the battle, to the toil—each to our part, each to our station."

"The war whether in Europe or in China is our war," continues Mr. Tan Chin Tuan. "It is a fight for righteousness to end the menace to civilisation and to humanity at large. Let us rally to that call."

"We should give all aid to Britain, the last stronghold against aggression. That will, at least, ensure that aggression shall never reach our shores."

Mr. Churchill's statement in 1938 that "China has only to endure to save her soul," is recalled by Mr. Tan Chin Tuan of Singapore in his message.

Mr. Tan adds: "Yes, we have endured indeed, and now we are past the stage of mere endurance. We are on the march and well on the way to put an end to aggression, whether it be in Asia or Europe, or in any part of the world."

"We are proud," he declares, "that the Chinese were the first to stand up against aggression; and we are determined to be in to the last and in at the kill."

Mr. G. H. Kiat

"Mr. G. H. Kiat of Singapore says: "Out of sheer gratitude for what we have received and enjoyed under British rule and the protection that has always been afforded us, we should, as reasonable creatures, go all out and render whatever assistance we could within our power and means."

"It is clear where our duty lies and it is expected of us to do the right thing. Might is not and never will be right, and justice will prevail in the end. Therefore in the present war, Britain must win."

"When victory comes, can we then say: 'We have contributed and done our best and are proud for having done so?'"

"Mr. Winston Churchill may well feel pleased that in this hour he has the full support and approbation of over a thousand million peace-loving people, con-

23 DAYS IN OPEN BOAT

Eighty-two passengers from a British liner sunk by an enemy sea raider in the South Atlantic, sailed 1,500 miles in an open boat—an exploit believed to be without precedent.

When they reached land after twenty-three days, only thirty-eight people remained alive. An unnamed naval officer, who was one of the passengers, told the story of their ordeal in a broadcast recently.

The officer found himself in a lifeboat in which were sixty-four Indians and eighteen Europeans, of whom thirteen Europeans and twenty-five Indians survived when Brazil was reached.

Drank Salt Water

"We worked out that we could only have a third of a dipper of water each a day—a little less than an eggcup full—one biscuit each, and two tins of condensed milk divided among us," he said.

"After the second day most of us were unable to swallow our daily biscuit, and only had milk and water, until we soaked biscuits in rain water."

"A number of the Indians drank salt water during the first few days, despite warnings. They eventually died."

"We were soon all covered with salt water sores and boils."

"It was impossible to sit, lie or even stand in comfort, owing to overcrowding of the boat, and we took it in turn to lie down for an hour on a thwart."

Fed By Natives

"After about ten days the hardship and privation began to tell, and each day three or four persons died."

"We had no charts and our only aid to navigation was a compass, but we usually steered by sun or stars. Our navigation was not a great deal out, for we sighted land when we expected to, after travelling 1,535 miles."

"We grounded in a small bay, and set off to wade 250 yards in shallow water to shore."

"Native fishermen fed us with native farinha—a meal made from roots and fish—and never has food tasted so good."

WE MUST ACT NOW: BELISHA

"This is the great moment, and I very much hope we shall seize it," Mr. Hore-Belisha, former War Minister, told Devonport Mercantile Association.

The intervention of Russia, against her will, is the great contribution to our strength, and we have the best opportunity we have ever had during the whole course of the war."

Russia, he said, would hold at bay other Powers who might seek to enter the conflict if they thought it to their advantage.

"I am certain," he declared, "that this is the time, and if we miss it, the future will not look so promising."

Assisting of those in the British Empire, in China, Soviet Russia and the United States of America," writes Mr. Ong Thye Ghee of Taiping.

"The Chinese living in British Malaya and elsewhere can have cause for cheer and courage for it shall follow as the day the night, that right shall prevail and darkness must give way to light," he adds. "However, to attain speedily this object no energy should be spared to give aid to Britain."

Mr. Lim Cheng Lay, Penang Chinese leader, urges his compatriots not only to give financial assistance to Britain but also to render material assistance locally by making themselves useful in civil defence in Malaya.

BRITISH PARADE OWN VERSION OF PANZER POWER

(By William W. White)

THE BRITISH ARMY paraded its mightiest armoured division over the rolling wooded fields of the Midlands recently so war correspondents could see for themselves that "we are ready for Hitler whether he comes here or whether we have to go after him," as the general officer in command of the armoured division said.

A cross-section of the army went through its paces in the mock battle after correspondents had heard squadron leaders of the various sections explain the manpower, the equipment and the duties of each section.

Comparable with the armament of the famed and feared panzer divisions of the German army, the equipment for the complete division costs approximately £10,000,000 sterling.

The "Battlefield"

After riding from headquarters to the "battlefield" in the radio-equipped cars from which the commanding officer and his aides direct the division while in action, the correspondents first saw the sections lined up around a great field. After an inspection by the chief officer, the "war" was started.

The enemy was discovered on a wooded knoll by scout cars of the reconnaissance patrol. Then the tanks were called into action, but they failed to reach the woods, so the infantry section was called up.

Under covering fire of the artillery unit, they silence the enemy machine-gun and anti-tank fire enabling the tanks to close in enough to "blast the woods open." The activities and duties of each section were explained over a loud speaker to the correspondents by an "umpire."

Guarded Secret

The division, whose strength is a carefully guarded secret, has its own mobile headquarters, its air arm, scout cars, Bren gun-carriers, cruiser tanks, motorised infantry, artillery, hospital and supply units. The cross-section drawn up for the correspondents covered three sides of the field.

The general commanding the division—a famous cricketer—reported his division "absolutely ready" either for invasion of the Continent or for defense against a German invasion of England "We've got a few surprises in store for them," he said.

The easy informality of the officers and men of the division impressed the correspondents, as did the ride in the mobile headquarters. Reporters in one car conversed easily with those in cars miles behind them. They also were impressed—roughly—with the side over the bumpy fields they took in these new cruiser tanks that Supply Minister Beaverbrook has christened the "Covenanter." Heavily armed and capable of a speed of about thirty miles an hour, they are, according to one squadron leader, "very comfortable to ride in." Reporters disagree.

ON LEAVE IN STATELY HOMES

NAVAL MEN ASHORE ON SHORT LEAVE MAY SOON FIND THEMSELVES DOMICILED FOR A WHILE IN ONE OR OTHER OF THE "STATELY HOMES OF ENGLAND."

Capt. R. W. Blacklock, a liaison officer on the welfare side, told a Royal Society of Arts audience that the Admiralty was taking over country houses, to which ratings could go for 48 hours complete rest while their ships are in port for refit. Sailors' societies will manage these hostels. The Admiralty is also requisitioning various buildings and sailors' societies, and philanthropic places for naval personnel.

PRETTY GIRLS WITH A LOAD OF PROPOSALS

When six of the 18 mannequins who have been displaying British fashions in the salons of South American cities arrived at Euston, four became officially engaged on the station platform to the fiances they left behind in January.

In the course of the tour the girls selected for beauty, grace and charm were inundated with proposals of marriage from Americans and South Americans of every rank and position in New York, Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro.

One of them, Miss Anne Trent, said she had 24 offers of marriage.

The other five girls were Miss Irene Brown, Miss Ann Davison, Miss Dolores Stephenson, Miss Peggy March, and Miss Vivien Bowden.

FIGHTER CAME DOWN IN EIRE

THE PILOT ESCAPED TO BE MARRIED

JUST OVER A year ago Flying-Officer Paul Mayhew, son of Sir Basil Mayhew, of Felthorpe Hall, Norwich, took off in his fighter to meet Nazi bombers attacking Liverpool.

He had just become married to Miss Monica Stancliffe, daughter of Canon Stancliffe, of Grantham. They originally hoped to get married this July.

A fierce fight carried Mayhew far out to sea. His petrol ran short, and he was forced to land in Eire. He became the first internee of the camp at the Curragh—Eire Army G.H.Q.

Mayhew is now back in England. He has been married although Miss Stancliffe stated: "I had given up all hope of getting married till the war was over."

Mayhew is one of the nine R.A.F. internees who escaped recently from the Curragh. Three of them were caught. The other six are all believed to have reached England.

It was not Mayhew's first bid for freedom. He was one of three R.A.F. men who got away about four months ago.

When only about 10 miles from the camp they asked the way to Dublin, but the postman who told them became suspicious of their "brogue." He reported them to the local Garda, and they were caught.

The last time the reporter saw

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SPIRIT OF A CITY

Revealing the spirit of Manchester in a recorded broadcast overseas, the Lord Mayor of Manchester (Ald. R. G. Edwards) instances the birth of a baby in a candle-lit cellar, with bombs falling around and water pouring in.

To the United States, Alderman Edwards said: "You Manchesterers in the New World who bear our name can be proud of the Manchesterers of the Old."

"We in turn are deeply grateful to you for the practical help and evidence of goodwill which you send us in growing measure across the ocean."

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Saturday, 27th September, 1941.

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.50 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets \$1 each, will be held on this race but "All through" numbers will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,

S. A. SLEAP,

Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 20th Sept., 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920.)

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

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By Order,

S. A. SLEAP,

Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 22nd Sept., 1941.

BRIDGE NOVELS

POSTPONING A FINESSE

By The Four Aces

It doesn't always pay to take a finesse, especially when it is thrust upon you by the opponents. In to-day's hand South postponed such a finesse, knowing he could take it later on if necessary.

South, Dealer.
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH

♠ Q 7 3 2
♥ A J 5
♦ K Q 7
♣ A Q 7

WEST

♠ 9 5
♥ 10 8 7 3
♦ J 8 5
♣ 9 8 5 4

EAST

♠ A 6
♥ K 9 6 4
♦ 10 6 4 2
♣ K J 10

SOUTH

♠ K J 10 8 4
♥ Q 2
♦ A 9 3
♣ 6 3 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass

West opened the four of clubs, and South was tempted to finesse the club Queen. But after a moment's reflection he resisted the temptation. Instead he put up the club Ace. Later on, if West got a chance to lead another club, South would still have a chance to try for a trick with the club Queen. But that would be unnecessary if West never again got the lead.

South's next step was to knock out East's trump Ace, and East hopefully returned a diamond.

East could not gainfully return clubs, and trying to get his partner on lead for another club return. But West couldn't get the lead, and dummy won with a high diamond and returned a trump. Next South led the Queen of hearts, losing the finesse to East's King.

Again East couldn't gainfully lead clubs, so he returned a heart. And dummy's extra high heart allowed South to discard a club. Thus South was able to limit his loss to one club, one heart, and one trump.

Now see what would have happened if South had finessed dummy's club Queen at the first trick. East would have won with the club King and returned the club Jack. Later on East would have gained the lead with the trump Ace to cash the club ten. He would then exit safely with the small trump and wait for his heart trick. South would then lose two clubs, a heart and a trump.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q J 7
♥ K 3
♦ J 10 8 6 4
♣ Q 2

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Malor	Jacoby
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
1♠	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	(?)	Pass	3♣

ANSWER: Pass. Your partner's bid is not particularly strong, and you have a minimum opening bid. Chances for game are rather slim.

Score 100% for pass, 50% for two no-trump, 40% for three diamonds, 20% for two hearts.

Question No. 828

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken	You	Malor	Jacoby
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
1♠	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	Pass	2♠	3♣
Pass	(?)	Pass	3♣

What do you bid? (Answer to-morrow.)

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South African squadrons, recently arrived fresh from their triumphs in Abyssinia and Italian Africa, swell the numbers of those who have come from the Dominions and the Colonies to the desert wastes of North Africa. Besides squadrons from Home there are Rhodesians, Australians, New Zealanders and Canadians, together with numbers of Free Frenchmen. Altogether they build up a formidable team and, in the Western Desert as in other theatres of war in the Middle East, they have proved more than

a match for their German and Italian foes.

The deeds of the Australian fighters in the first Libyan campaign need no recalling, and it was a New Zealand pilot who played a great part in shooting down a big Italian bomber during a daylight raid over Alexandria and who is now looked upon by his colleagues as "having the knack" of shooting down Messerschmitts.

Free Frenchmen made a gallant contribution to the aerial defence of Tobruk, and it was a Canadian who, while on reconnaissance, ground-strafed with great success one hundred Junkers lined up "wing tip to wing tip" on a Libyan aerodrome. During the German push a Rhodesian shot down the first Me.110. Now the South Africans are actively at work adding to this effort.

ARMY STUDS PUNCTURE CAR TYPES

Soldiers' boot-studs coming adrift in main road route marches are puncturing many motor-car tyres which wayside garages, busy with other work, have no time to repair.

A West Country garage owner told the "Daily Mirror." We have had twenty-five puncture jobs in three days and twenty-two were caused by boot-studs of the Army type. All I have left to do this sort of work is a fifteen-year-old boy."



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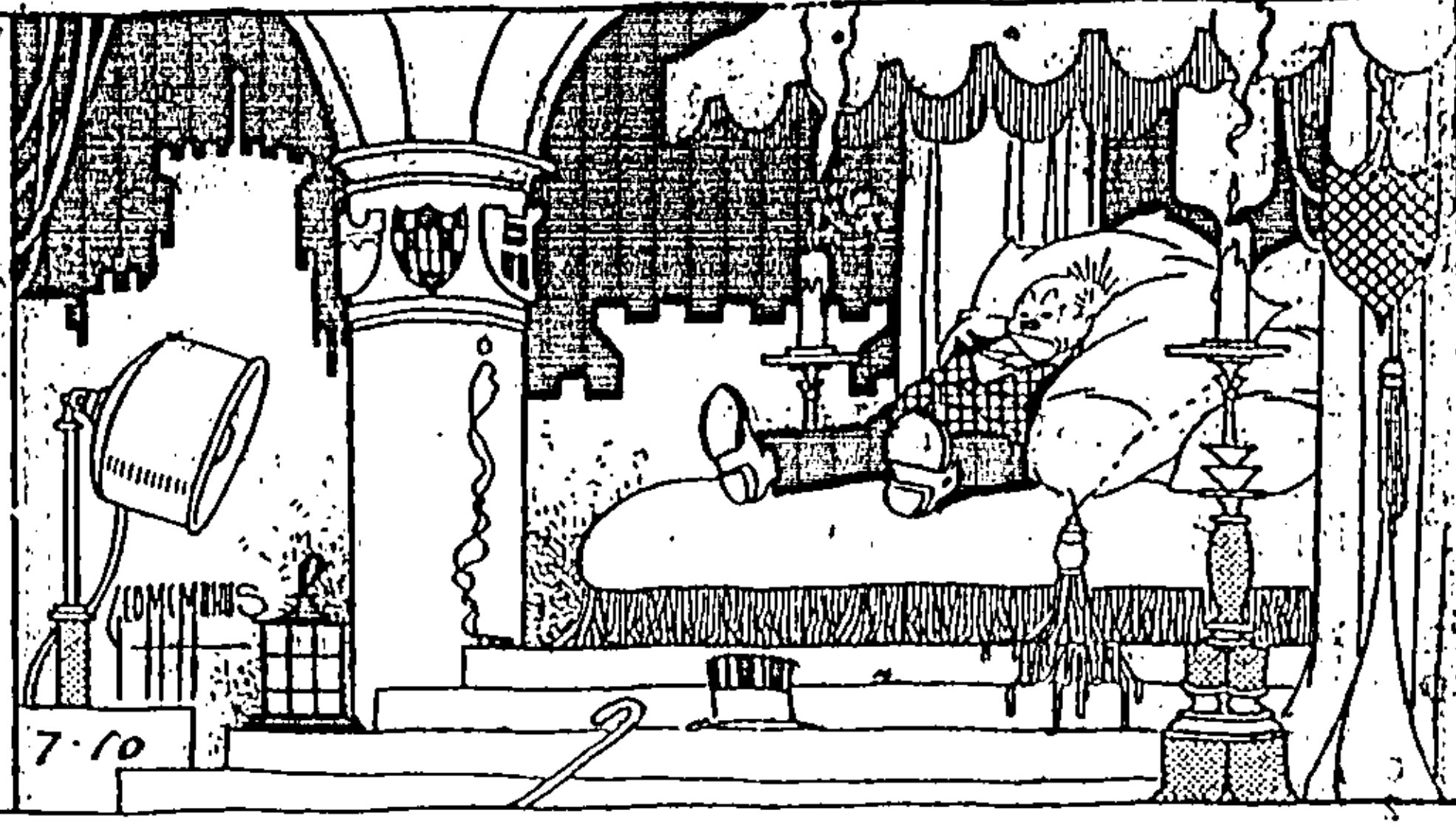
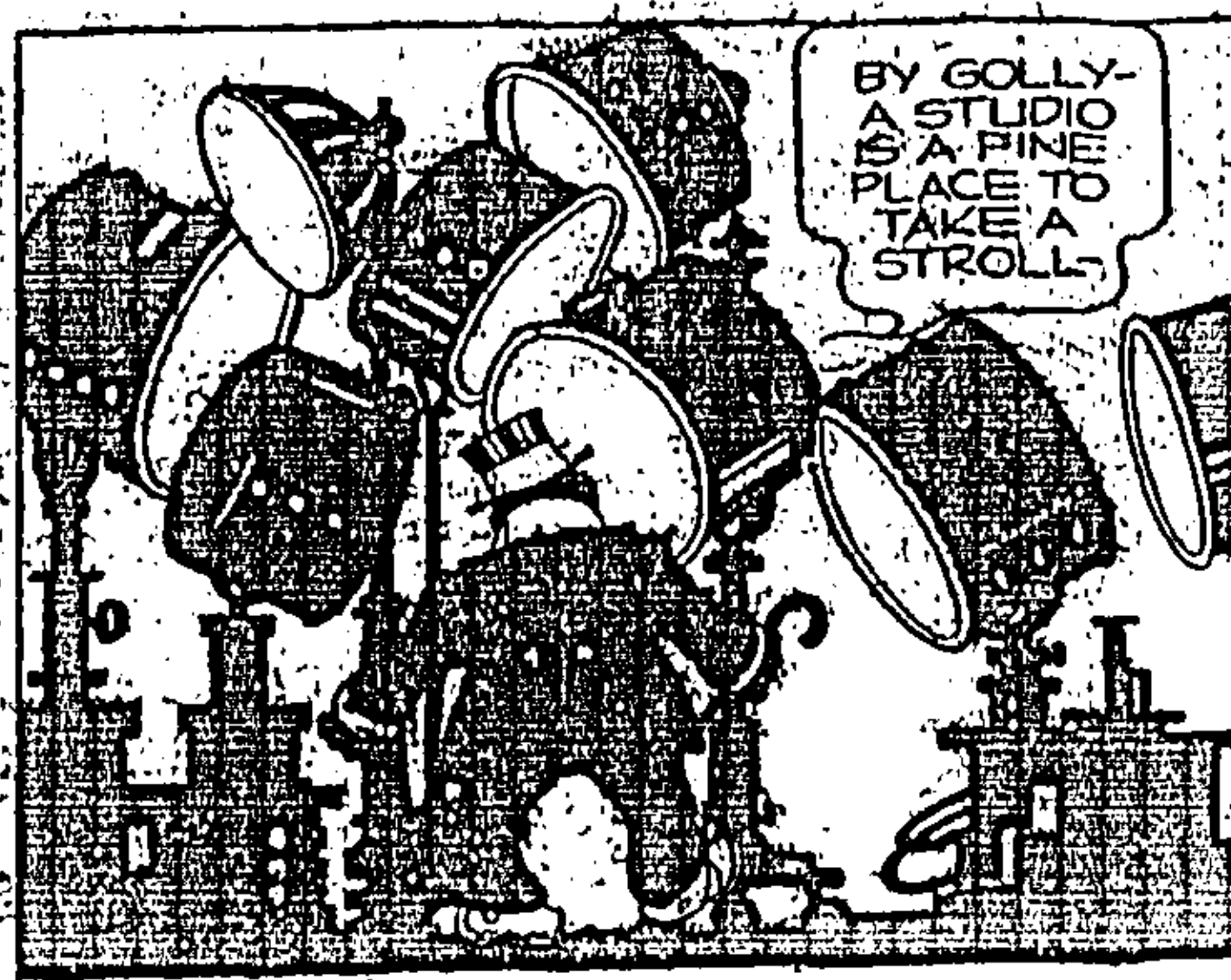
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Rhythm For Bodily Grace

It is not enough to exercise—you must exercise in rhythm! Any jerky movements repeated over and over again will destroy bodily grace instead of encouraging it. Take the Hawaiians for instance—their graceful, lovely bodies are due to their native rhythmical dancing and hand speech. Every movement is fluid. Every muscle is trained to give perfect co-ordination.

To experience what I am telling you try these exercises which have been stolen from our little dark beauties of the colourful Isle.

Sit on the floor, tailor-fashion, with legs crossed. Keep your shoulders level and your arms folded in easy position and your buttocks firm on the floor. Now in a fluid movement stretch tall at the waist and move your ribcage from left to right in a slow, circular movement. If you have a record of Hawaiian music play it during your exercise period. After three minutes move ribcage from right to left.

Surprising as it may seem to you, this exercise if done correctly will decrease your waist measurement and slenderise your hips.

Exercise II

Still sitting tailor-fashion, place hands on hips and bend ONLY UPPER BODY far right and far left—as you keep your head back in easy position and the lower part of your body immobile. The secret of these movements is pulling against yourself—that is what does the work of creating body grace.

As you bend from side to side, again stretch tall from the waist.

Exercise III

Now for a little fun. Stand up with feet about a yard apart. Stretch both arms out shoulder level with palms facing floor. Trying not to let your hips move, stretch far out to right then far out to left. You will feel a stretching all up your spine and clear to the tips of your fingers if you are doing it correctly. Your head does not move—it is carried from right



Rita Hayworth keeps her body beautifully held through dancing and exercise.

to left by your reaching. This is a honey and if you practice it every day for a month you will gain a poise which will be enviable, for it keeps your spine straight your head set proudly in position and it tenses muscles which seldom get used. Do this to a Hawaiian melody if possible, make your movements slow and rhythmic.

When you have mastered Exercise III, you might try a hip wiggle which stretches muscles from

ankle to arm pits and makes your body ever so much more graceful. Stand with feet about five inches apart. Bend elbows and raise hands so that palms face wall opposite to you. Now holding the spine straight, bend the knees slightly, and force the middle part to rotate slowly first clockwise then counter-clockwise. It helps to imagine you are wearing a grass skirt which is swishing around as your hips and buttocks rotate!

DON'T STOP GROWING

If you're the kind of person who stays the same all the time, then I'm sorry for you.

It shows that you're dull and undependable—and ignorant of the truth that a woman always has to be developing from one thing to another.

Development is natural and desirable, so play it some heed: you don't want to get either twisted or stuck.

Adolescence has a poetry of its own, whether it's wild and dirty or secret and sly.

But it's intolerable if it takes too long over developing into youthful charm.

The adolescent girl must go through a self-centred period; she is finding out about herself.

Then, to get her discoveries into focus, she should think more of others and less of herself; she must learn about other people.

The equipment she should make up is good manners, and sufficient personal fastidiousness.

Good manners consist in making the other person comfortable and interested—a neat way to defeat self-consciousness.

Personal fastidiousness for the adolescent begins with clean nails and ears, and with not spilling food!

One of the world's tragedies is the housewife who won't de-

velop into a wife when the day's chores are done.

She might try the suggestions I've offered the adolescents!

Personal fastidiousness should impel one to look nice for one's nearest and dearest, instead of only for strangers who don't care.

While as to manners—it's not very 'evil' to your husband if you can't get your mind off groceries when he comes home.

Couples often lose the interests they had in common (occasional movies, discussions of the newspaper, radio music, even gossip) from nothing but laziness. And very dead it leaves them.

If the housewife lets that go too far, the time will come when she can't interest him. It will be too late to be a wife; she can only be a pest or leave him alone.

Good manners is a solution for mothers too.

The mother of young children has an unselfish and thankless task. She gives so much; she works so hard and the children, born through no fault of their own, can only take it for granted.

Then, from having been the most dependent of creatures, they become independent and ready to resent her.

This is where good manners will tide her over in developing from a mother to a companion.

Good manners that are the true wisdom of the heart.

She must treat their individualities, their separateness, with respect. She must make it easy to confide in her by not pressing awkward questions.

She must find interests of her own so as not to burden them. She must try to like their friends and be tolerant if she can't.

Above all, she must be ready to let them go. This way she will never lose them. Even if she wants to!

There's always a market for the good-time girl, who enjoys herself and makes it fun to take her out.

But if she wants an easy-come-easy-go relationship to develop into real friendship she must show sterner qualities. Loyalty, for instance, and a sense of responsibility, which includes not spending his money too freely or resenting his work.

If you're a severe, efficient girl in the office please loosen up when you're off duty.

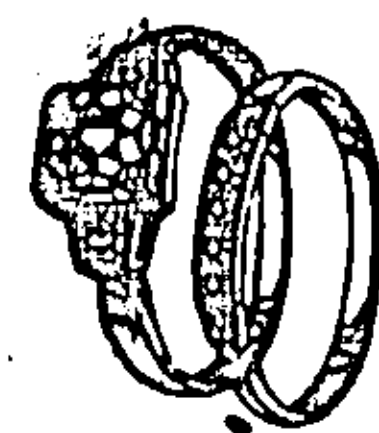
How about developing a little more glamour of an evening? More make-up, scent, hair brushed out softly. And if it's still got to be that plain hard suit—let's have some touch of frivolity; it's only less practical shoes!

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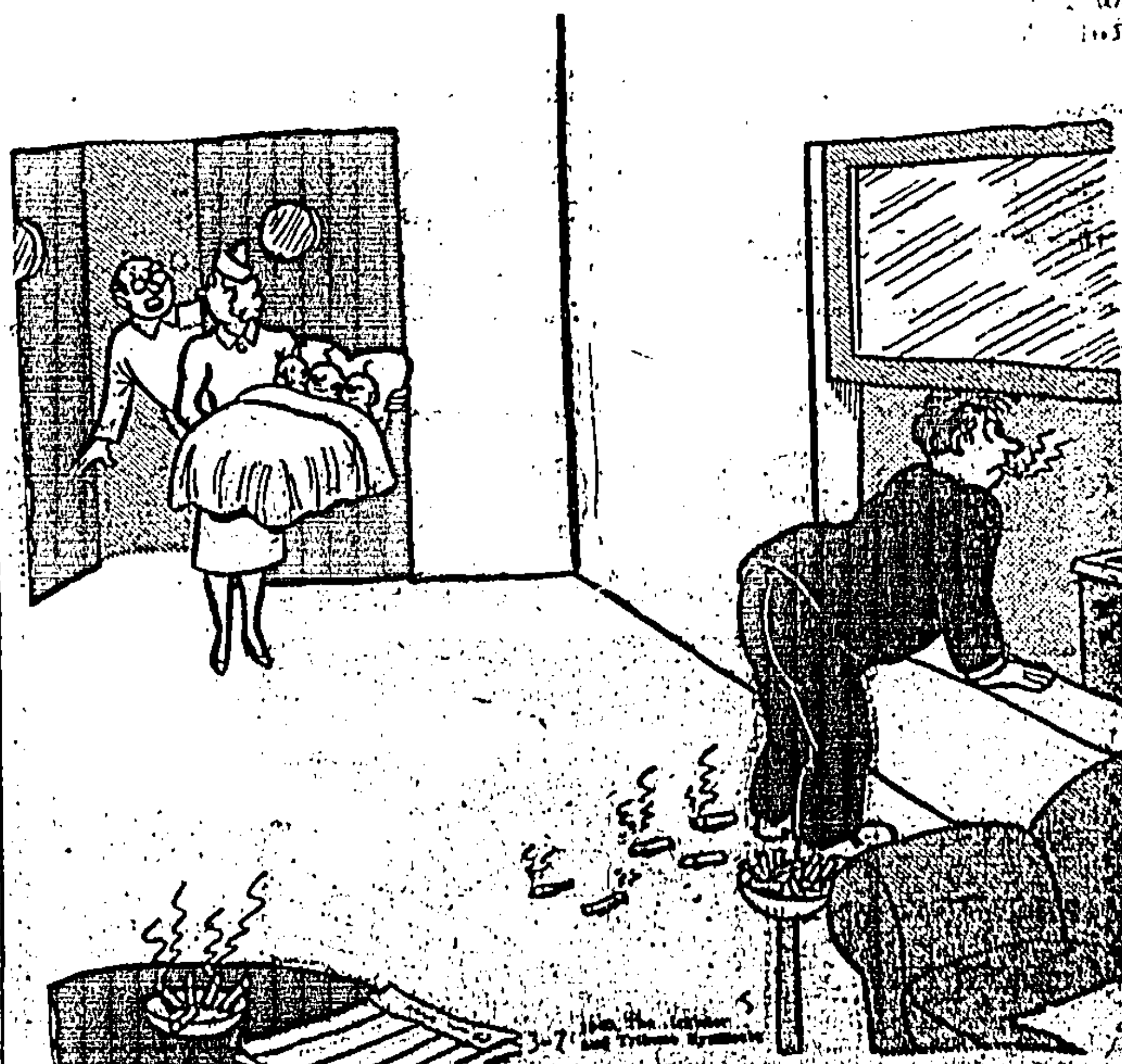
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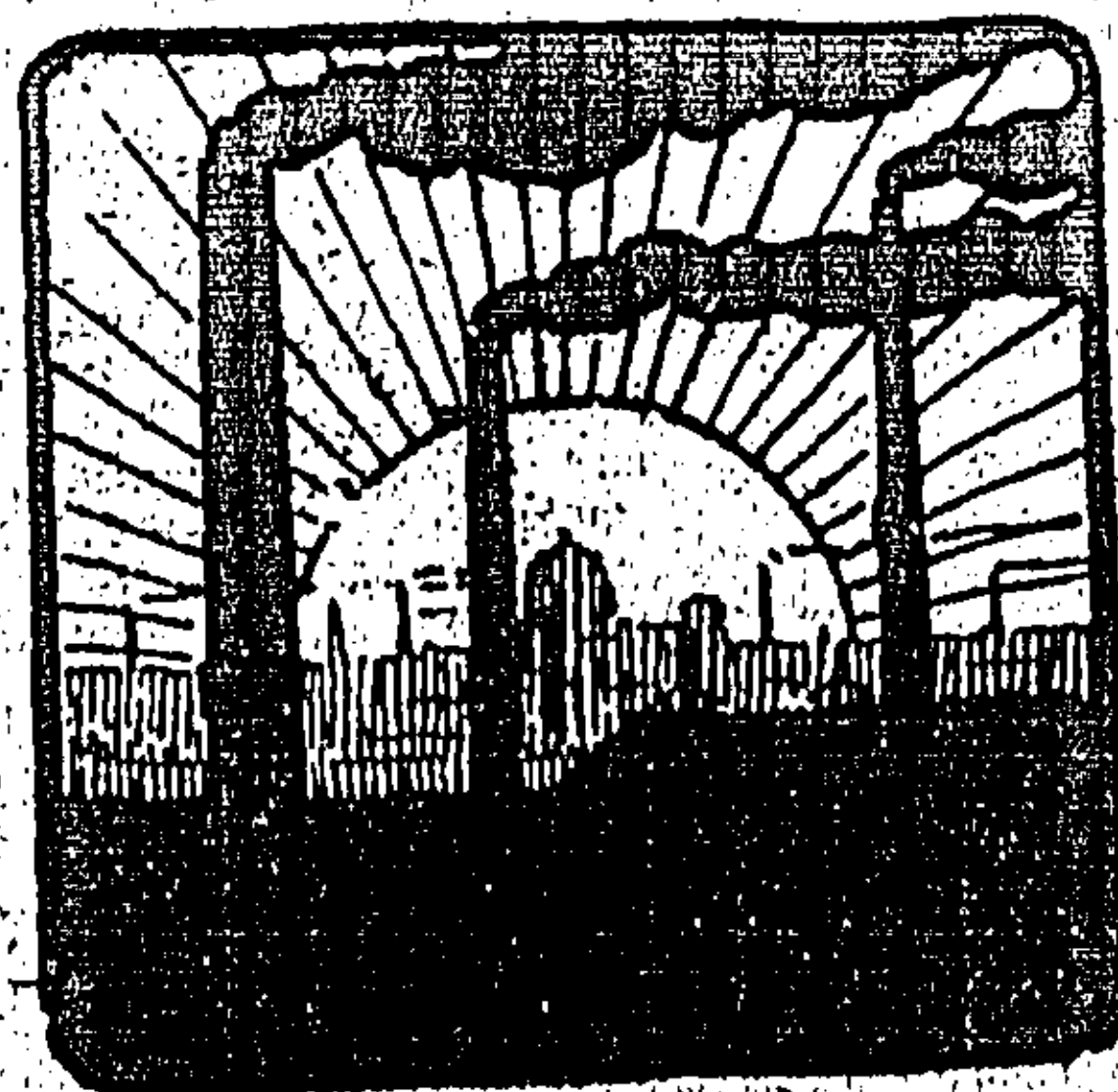
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Interces-

sion.

12.30 p.m.—Dance in French Variety.

Vocal—Pres De Tol Mon Amour

(Trenet & Luypaerts); Pic... Pic...

(Trenet)...Charles Trenet with

Orchestra.

Vocal—Du Soleil Dans Ses Yeux

(Claret); Je Crois N'Avoir Jamais

Aime (Denes-Buday) ... Damia

with Orchestra.

Orchestra—Elio Lisalt Marie-Chaire—

Valse (Charly); L'Assemblée De

Village — Valse (Alexander) ...

L'Accordeoniste Alexander & his

Orchestra.

Vocal—Ce N'Est Pas Toujours Drole

(from "Un Soir De Rade") — Leo

Lelievre; Complainte De Mackie

(from Tobias Talkie "L'Opera De

Quatre Sous"—Andre Mauprey &

Kurt Weill)...Damia with Orch.

Vocal—La Route Enchantee (from film

"La Route Enchantee"); Il Pleut

Dans Ma Chambre (from film "La

Route Enchantee)...Charles Trenet

with Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Pro-

gramme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections.

Hawaiian Rose—Medley; Hawaiian

Love... Kane's Hawaiians.

Song Of The Islands (arr. King);

Aloha Oe (Farewell To Thee)...

Bing Crosby (Vocal) with Orch.

Lonesome Without My Baby; Lion

Rag... Masters' Hawaiians.

1.20 p.m.—Negro Spirituals.

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (arr.

(Waller)... "Fats" Waller (Organ

Solo).

Lullaby (from "The Moor of Peter

The Great"—Gambas); Down De

Lovers' Lane (Cook)... Paul Robe-

son (Vocal) with Piano.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and

Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Hubert Elsdell (Tenor) and

The Light Symphony Orchestra.

Fill A Glass With Golden Wine (Hen-

ley & Quilter); Good Night (Shelley

& Davis)... Hubert Elsdell with

Piano.

Valse From "Wood Nymphs"

(Coates)... Light Symphony Orch.

Minuet (from "Fete Galante"—Ethel

Smyth)... Light Symphony Orch.

Sing Me To Sleep (Bingham &

Greene); Come, Sing To Me

(Thompson)... Hubert Elsdell with

Orchestra.

Joyousness—Concert Waltz (Haydn

Wood); Homage March (Wood) ...

Light Symphony Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-

tions.

6.47 p.m.—Selections from C. B.

Cochran's Shows.

C. B. Cochran Presents: Bitter Sweet;

Fun o' The Fair; This Year Of

Grace; Mayfair To Montmartre;

Private Lives; Wake Up & Dream;

Cat & The Fiddle; 1930 Revue;

Words & Music; Music In The Air;

One Dam Thing After Another;

Evergreen; Cavalcade... The B.B.C.

Dance Orchestra.

C. B. Cochran's "1930 Revue"—Vocal

Gems... Light Opera Company with

Orchestra.

"Home & Beauty"—Cochran's Coron-

ation Revue... Magda Neeld, Janet

Lind & W. Booth with Orchestra.

"Lights Up"—I Didn't Really Never

Oughter 'ave Went... Doris Hare

(Comedienne) with Orchestra.

7.15 p.m.—Organ and Piano Duets by

Robinson Cleaver and Patricia Ross-

borough.

Czardas (Monti); Canadian Capers

(White-Cohen); Robinson Cleaver

(Organ).

The Wedding Of The Painted Doll.

Intro: "The Doll Dance"; Nola

(Arndt)... Robinson Cleaver &

Patricia Rossborough.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Com-

mentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening

Post". Examination of Points in

Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Compositions of Maurice

Ravel.

La Valse... Orchestre De La Societe

Des Concerts Du Conservatoire,

Paris.

Nicolette... The Lyons Mixed Chorus.

Alborada Del Gracioso (Extrait des

"Miroirs")... Orchestre Des Con-

certs Straram.

Trois Beaux Oiseaux De Paradis...

The Lyons Mixed Chorus.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-

nouncements.

9.02 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"The Real

France". The Story of Three Genera-

tions—1870, 1914, 1940—by Maurice

Thiery. Produced by Moray McLean.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on

Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Debussy—The Children's

Corner Suite, Alfred Cortot (Piano-

forte Solo).

10.10 p.m.—London Relay—The News

and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—An Hour of Variety and

Dance Music.

Piano—"Viktoria And Her Hussar"—

Medley—Intro: Only One Girl In

The World; No Time For Anyone

But You; Goodnight; Following The

Drum (Abraham)... Dale Da Costa.

Quick-Steps—Wrapping It Up; Exactly

Like You... Oscar Rabin & his

Strict Tempo Dance Band.

Vocal—Haven't I Seen You Before

(Felix King); A Lady In Waiting

(Park)... Florence Desmond with

Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—My Pony Boy; Horsey,

Keep You Tall Up... Freddie

"Schmickelfritz" Fisher & his Band.

Vocal Duo—In A Little Rocky Valley

(Green, Arden)... Flanagan & Al-

len with Orchestra.

Tango—Despreco: Cieritos Amores

Orquesta Tipica, Francisco

Canaro.

Humorous Monologue—The Anti-Arm

Squad (John Tilley)... John Tilley.

Fox-Trot—Have You Met Miss

Jones (from "All Clear"); Slow

Fox-Trot—Get Out Of Town... Jack

Hyllon & his Orchestra.

Comedy—Gracie's And Sandy's Party

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WAR WIDOW AIDS HER 1ST HUSBAND

TEN DAYS AFTER her airman husband was killed on active service, a woman gave evidence in favour of her first husband — also an airman — who was charged with murder.

The woman is Mrs. Jean Ward, 29, whose second husband was Flying Officer R. E. Ward. Her former husband is Flying Officer Jack Lynch-White, who shot his second wife in an hotel bedroom at Crawley, Sussex.

At Lewes Assizes he was found not guilty of murder, but was sentenced to fifteen years' penal servitude for manslaughter.

Mrs. Ward, called after the jury announced their verdict, said she married Lynch-White in 1935 and the marriage ended in 1940.

During their married life he was kind to her and showed no signs of violence.

Mr. John Flowers, K.C., suggested that Lynch-White unwittingly killed the person of whom he was more fond than anyone in the world.

Counsel said that Lynch-White used a revolver recklessly to frighten his wife because he was drunk.

"Good Friends"

Mrs. Ward, at her home in Farnborough Kent said: "In spite of my great sorrow, I went to court because I felt that if it were possible to do Jack a good turn, I must."

"We remained good friends after our divorce. We have seen each other lots of times since I remarried. I saw him and we had a long chat before the trial to-day, and I hope to see him while he is serving his sentence."

"We have never really quarrelled. While we were married we were both working for a film company, he as assistant director and I as a dress designer."

"We did not see much of each other and we parted because ... well we just could not get on together."

"We Were Independent"

"I was independent and so was he. Both of us were earning good money. Incompatibility—you can call it that—and we both decided it would be best to pack it up."

"I joined the Ambulance Ser-

vice and he went into the R.A.F."

"I am still fond of him as a

friend, and anything I can do

to help him I shall do it."

"I feel sure he will reduce the

sentence by good conduct. When

he comes out ... well, he has

got a good background and lots

of friends, and he will soon get a

fresh start in life."

Mrs. Ward, who has a baby

daughter ten weeks old, retained

custody of the boy—now 4½—

of her first marriage.

Dixon, Larry Adler, Joe Petersen,

Jay Wilbur and Primo Scala.

Waltz—Love Is All (from film "It's A

Date"); Fox-Trot—They Call Me A

Dreamer... Oscar Rabin & his

Strict Tempo Dance Band.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

NATIONAL SHOES SOON

National boots and shoes, costing less than fashion footwear, but requiring the same number of coupons, will be introduced soon.

Quality, price and style will be approved by the recently appointed director of civilian footwear, Mr. H. G. Durston. This was revealed in Leicester. Purchasers of "national" foot-

wear will be assured of durable boots and shoes at medium prices. "The proposed national lines will not oust fashion footwear from the market," a leading

manufacturer said, "but it may be there will be a fairly large margin between the prices of the utility line and fashion goods."

"There are reasons for believing that steps will be taken by the Government to ensure that the production of fashion footwear will not exceed that of the new lines."

Mr. Durston declined to make any comment, but it is understood that arrangements are being made to communicate details of the proposal to public.

ICE-CREAM MEN AID DOCTORS

Ice-cream men are helping in the preparation of gland extracts.

The most important of these glands is the pancreas, which is used for the manufacture of insulin, essential in the treatment of diabetes. It is extracted from the carcass at slaughter-houses, and has to be frozen to a low temperature within half an hour.

Owing to the shortage of ice-cream ingredients many ice-cream merchants have provided the Government with plant and insulated vans for the freezing and collection of glands. This scheme is operating in 800 slaughter-houses, with the result that the import of certain gland extracts is no longer necessary.

Reports received so far show that the quality of British-extracted pancreas glands is at least as high as the imported extract.

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HUNT HELPED FLYING

There is no record that the packs of hounds taken by British Regiments to the Continent contributed in any way to Wellington's successes over Napoleon. But it can be truthfully stated that the Habbaniya Hunt helped the Royal Air Force to find and destroy Iraqi rebel positions.

In normal times the Habbaniya Hunt, boasting a number of couples of English foxhounds, hunted jackals all over the surrounding desert. To members of the Hunt, with an eye for country, the neighbourhood of Habbaniya ceased to be more miles of anonymous wilderness and acquired scores of readily identifiable features.

This knowledge was invaluable in the air. Observation from any altitude is difficult enough over desert country and miracles of camouflage can be performed with a few yards of fabric and an abundance of sand. But to be able to tell, by recognising a clump of rock, that there is a deep wadi round the corner which might be the very hide-out which the Iraqi had chosen for their gun or dump, made the airman's problem less difficult by half.

Thus Habbaniya's "John Peels" made many finds.

ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING

PRESIDING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB LAST EVENING, MR. N. V. A. CROUCHER, THE COMMODORE, REFERRED TO THE SERIOUS LOSS OF \$7,000 FOR THE YEAR AND STATED THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING WOULD BE HELD LATER IN THE SEASON TO REVISE THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION IN ORDER TO GIVE THE COMMITTEE THE NECESSARY POWER TO INCREASE ENTRANCE FEES, ETC.

Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, Mr. Croucher said in part:—

"The past year is the first complete one we have spent in our new Clubhouse and gives us an indication of how we must cut our cloth. The loss of \$7,000 is a serious one and more so when the depreciation of assets is taken into account. The fact that expenditure has not been met out of current subscriptions is a matter for real concern and we cannot when renewals are needed ask our Bankers for further help.

"Our sales have greatly increased, but prices are still kept at a moderate figure.

"The very comprehensive report of the several Committees records the various activities engaged in by members during the year and there is very little I can add to it. Our Scandinavian friends continue to be a pillar of strength in all the activities and I must thank them for their valued support.

"Our popular Hon. Secretary, P. C. M. Sedgwick, became almost buried in the affairs of State and our old friend Mr. P. F. Lenfesty very willingly offered to help.

"Our present Articles of Association are sadly in need of revision. An Extraordinary General Meeting will be called for at a date to be decided later for the purpose of bringing them more in line with present day requirements."

Following are extracts from the annual report:—

Annual Report

The most notable event of the year was the official opening of the new Clubhouse on Saturday, October 26, 1940. The occasion was the Opening Cruise which was followed in the evening by a reception for members and their friends at which His Excellency the Acting-Governor Lieutenant-General E. F. Norton, declared the premises formally open.

After payment of bank interest and setting aside of \$9,445.37 as depreciation, the accounts show an excess of expenditure over income of \$7,469.23. Wages inevitably show a large increase and the cost of transportation was high. Subscriptions rose from \$13,388.00 in 1940 to \$22,451.00 in 1941, but an increase in Entrance Fees and/or Subscription rates will have to be considered during the coming year.

The total membership on June 30, 1941 was 610 including absent members, subscribers and lady subscribers but excluding life members and honorary members. During the year 118 new members, 54 subscribers and 28 lady subscribers were elected as against resignations from 12 members, 16 subscribers and one lady member.

War-time conditions again made it impossible to arrange the annual race for the Trevesa Trophy.

Middle Island was not patronised so extensively as in the preceding year owing to the evacuation and Volunteer duties. Expenditure increased because of redecoration of the building carried out during the year.

A silk Barge was presented to the Rear Commodore His Excellency Major-General A. E. Grasett, on his departure from the Colony as a token of appreciation of his services to the Club.

The thanks of the Club are also due to the Commodore, Mr. N. V. A. Croucher for his generous gift of turf to form the lower lawn, which has made a striking improvement to the main approach to the Club.

Acting-Governor's Success

The Racing Season commenced on September 28, 1940.

Sweepstake Races were held until the Opening Cruise on October 26 and 27, 1940. This was the first Opening Cruise to be held at the new Clubhouse, and the afternoon's racing was followed by the official opening of the Club by H.E. Lt-General E. F. Norton, who very appropriately was the winning helmsman of the cruising classes in the afternoon, sailing the Commodore's yacht *La Cigale*.

The Closing Cruise was held at Kellat Island on May 3 and 4, 1941. This was followed by the

HOST'S £40 FOOD FINE

Fines totalling £40 were imposed at Kingston on Sir Donald Simson for breaches of the rationing regulations.

The offence occurred when he entertained, as hon. secretary of the British Empire Services League, visitors from overseas at his private house, The Waffrons, Surbiton golf course.

He was also ordered to pay 12 guineas costs.

Prosecuting for Esher Food Control Committee, Mr. S. C. T. Littlewood said the authorities were satisfied Sir Donald did not obtain the food to gratify his own appetite but solely for entertaining overseas visitors.

The chairman said Sir Donald acted from a public and disinterested motive, but the magistrates were bound to treat the offence as a deliberate defiance of the law.

presentation of the season's prizes by Lady Grayburn.

Forty-seven cruisers, thirty-two racing yachts, and four motor yachts, junks, etc., are now registered in the Club Fleet. During the season three new cruisers were registered—Gnat, Orion, Tumble. Glenelg, auxiliary "A" boat, has been transferred to Singapore and we regret to record that A.5 was lost in a typhoon. There are one to two new cruisers which, it is hoped, will be added to the Fleet by next season.

Season's Programme

The number of races sailed during the season was 144 and 1,076 yachts crossed the Starting Line.

The Rowing Season opened on September 21, 1940, when 34 persons went out on the water for a brief outing, after which a successful supper was held in the Clubhouse.

Three regattas were held during the season. The most successful was the Xmas Regatta at Middle Island when the H.K.V.D.C. Inter-Unit Fours Race was introduced. Scottish Company emerging victorious.

As the Alleys were not opened until May, 1940, it has not been possible to give a comparison between their popularity this year and that of previous years.

The Sub-Committee found it necessary in view of the increasing popularity of Duck Pins amongst the lady members to co-opt Mrs. Berg on the Sub-Committee and wish to express their thanks for her very great help.

During the year under review, the bulk of the work of the House Committee has been inaugural and calls for no comment. A start has been made with the decoration of the Clubhouse, and it is hoped that more will be accomplished when funds become available.

The Library is in a flourishing condition and, thanks largely to the generosity of some members, now comprises some 750 volumes, exclusive of bound periodicals.

Election Of Officers

The following committees were elected:

General Committee:—Major G. E. Neve, Mr. R. A. Wadson, Mr. R. J. Minnitt, Dr. L. D. Pringle, Mr. A. G. Dalziel, Mr. G. J. P. Carey, Mr. J. Moodie, Mr. J. C. McDouall, Mr. H. W. Browne (ex-officio), Mr. J. Fleming (ex-officio).

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Bowling Alleys Sub-Committee:—Messrs. H. R. Forsyth, H. W. Browne and H. Dreyer and Mrs. Berg.

House Committee:—Messrs. W. T. Stanton, W. R. Andrews, W. T. Webb, H. R. Forsyth and J. D. McClatchie.

Squash Sub-Committee:—Messrs. J. E. Potter and D. I. Bosanquet.

Middle Island Sub-Committee:—Messrs. L. P. Ralph, F. Baker, V. V. Fasciolo.

Librarian:—Mrs. Dodds.

Treasurer:—Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews.

Votes of thanks were tendered to Mrs. N. Potter, the retiring Hon. Librarian, and Mr. Sedgwick, the retiring

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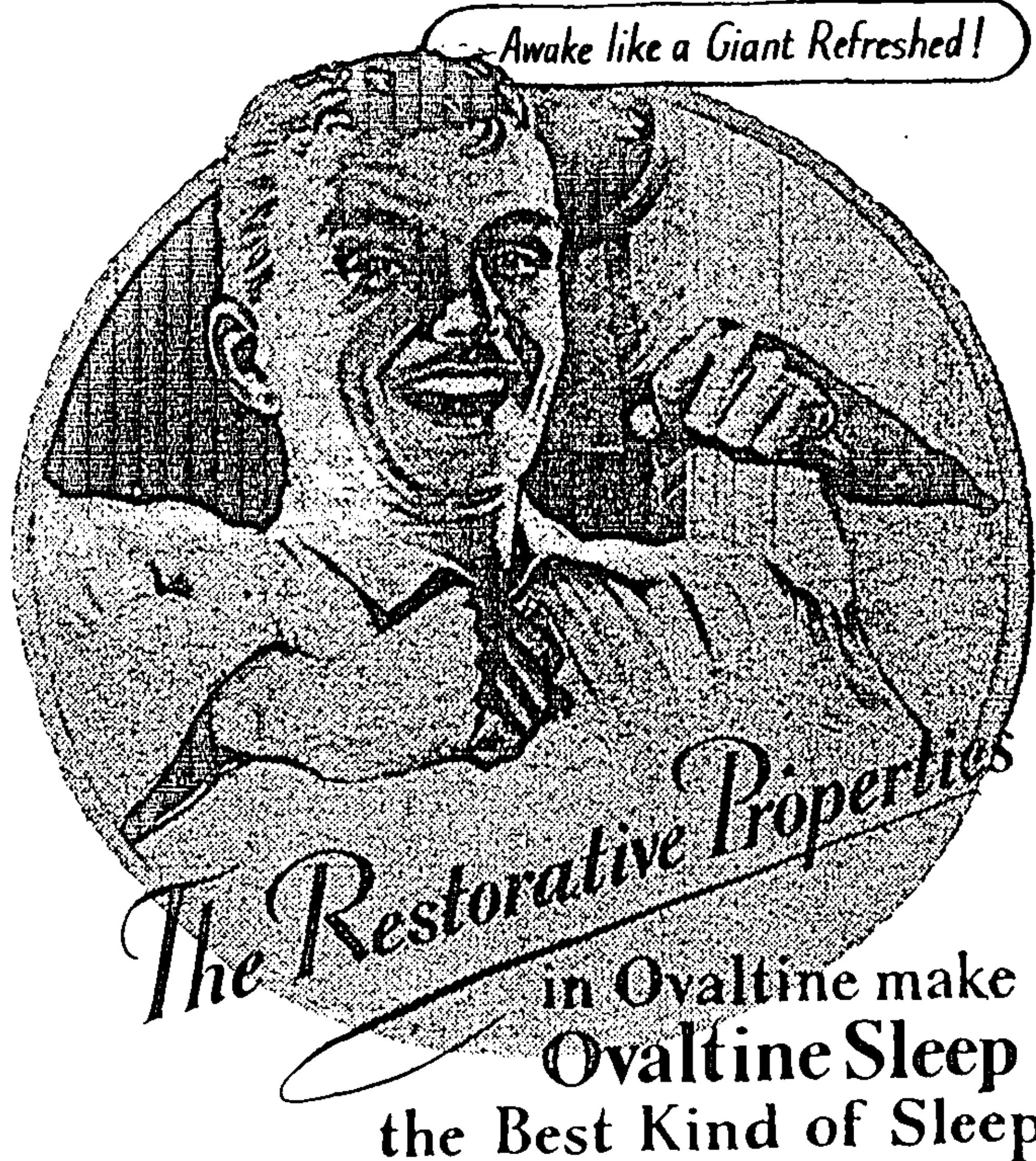
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SOUTH CHINA A. A. ENTER MINIATURE SOCCER FINAL

By "Referee"

South China qualified to meet Ah Q Football Club in the Final of the China Emporium Miniature Football Shield Competition when they beat Tung Shan in the semi-final at Caroline Hill yesterday by the odd goal in three after leading at the interval by two clear goals.

TO-DAY'S SOCCER

Club juniors are playing 5th A. A. Regiment in a friendly football game on Club ground to-day, starting at 5.30 p.m.

CYCLONES' HOCKEY WIN

Two matches were played yesterday in the Hockey League (on roller skates) for the Chi Yim Yip Po Cup.

After a goalless first half, Cyclones beat Hong Kong Skating Club "B" by two clear goals, scored by A. Mitchell and Rahmim.

King's Skating rink beat Kowloon Skating Club "B" by four clear goals after leading at the interval by the only goal, scored by Nien.

In the second half K. W. Chang and P. H. Yung (2) scored further goals.

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Blitz	9	6	2	1	23	4	14
H.K.S.C. "A"	8	4	0	0	8	4	12
K.S.C. "B"	8	5	1	2	12	7	11
K.S.C.	9	5	1	3	18	9	11
Cyclones	8	4	2	2	11	6	10
H.K.S.C. "B"	9	1	0	8	28	21	2
K.S.C. "A"	9	0	0	9	3	22	0

MINIATURE FOOTBALL

Children's Playgrounds Association are holding an inter-school Miniature Football League, open to all schools in Kowloon. All matches will be played on the play-grounds of the Association in Kowloon.

Tung Shan started off shakily but in the second period had most of the play and only the good goalkeeping of Tam Kwan-kon and Lau Hing-choy prevented them from scoring.

Lee Shek-yau showed excellent ball control. He was dangerous when in possession and made many openings for his forwards.

Lau Chung-sang was the best player for the losers but he was too well marked by Lau Hing-choy and rarely had a scoring opportunity.

Chin Chi-fai opened the scoring for South China early in the game and shortly after Lee Tin-kee scored their second goal from a centre by Chin Chi-fai.

The Final will be played at Caroline Hill to-day at 5.30 p.m. Lau Chung-sang scored for Tung Shan from a penalty.

South China:—Tam Kwan-kon; Chau Man-chi and Lau Hing-choy; Tse Kam-hung, Chin Chi-fai, Lee Tin-kee and Lee Shek-yau.

Tung Shan: Mak Ping; Hau Yung-sang and Lee Tak-kee; Man Shui-kee, Lai Shui-wing, Wong Man-kwai and Lau Chung-sang.

Gough's Bowls Win

Following are the latest results of matches in the various Club lawn bowls tournaments:

CRAIGENOWER

Pairs Competition

Second Round:—A. J. Coelho and E. Zimmerman beat L. M. Roza and L. C. R. Souza.

Senior Singles Championship

First Round:—J. W. Leonard beat W. J. Howard. Second Round:—C. W. Lam beat W. E. Broadbridge.

POLICE

Novices' Handicap Singles

Semi-Final:—C. Gough (ser.) beat D. Fitches (plus 4). G. Davies (plus 3) beat Greenwood (ser.). Final:—C. Gough (ser.) beat G. Davies (plus 3).

Pairs Competition

Semi-Final:—W. Mair and G. Perkins beat A. E. Carey and E. G. Post. C. Ellis and J. M. Forrest beat F. Channing and C. Dowman.

TAIKOO CLUB

Pairs Competition

First Round:—McKie and Gillies beat Paterson and Coull; Kew and Main beat Foster and Wilson. Second Round:—McKie and Gillies beat Simpson and Nimmo; Jeacock and Chalmers beat Gibson and Watson; Smith and Stalton beat Taylor and Melrose; Kew and Main beat Higgs and Boydard. Semi-Final:—McKie and Gillies beat Jeacock and Chalmers.

Club Singles

Second Round:—Watson beat Paterson; Gillies beat McArthur; Stalton beat Gibson; Boydard beat Melrose; Chalmers beat Main; Coull beat Higgs; Nimmo beat Smith and Kew beat McKie. Third Round:—Watson beat Gillies.

HONG KONG ELECTRIC

Club Singles

First Round:—K. Crawford beat A. Tarbuck; R. C. Butler beat R. W. Smith; J. K. Sloan beat A. F. Paul; R. A. Owens beat R. F. Gregory. Second Round:—A. G. Gardner beat E. L. Groome 21-16; R. C. Butler beat K. Crawford 21-11. Semi-Final:—R. C. Butler beat A. G. Gardner.

Pairs Competition

First Round:—A. F. Paul and J. K. Sloan beat J. R. Way and W. Stoker; J. F. Lunny and R. A. Owens beat L. de Rome and R. C. Butler; A. G. Gardner and W. MacFarlane beat E. L. Groome and S. Jarvis; Eyes into The Semi-Final:—A. F. Paul and J. K. Sloan beat R. W. Smith and W. E. Baker. Semi-Final:—J. F. Lunny and R. A. Owens beat A. G. Gardner and W. MacFarlane.

Drawn Doubles

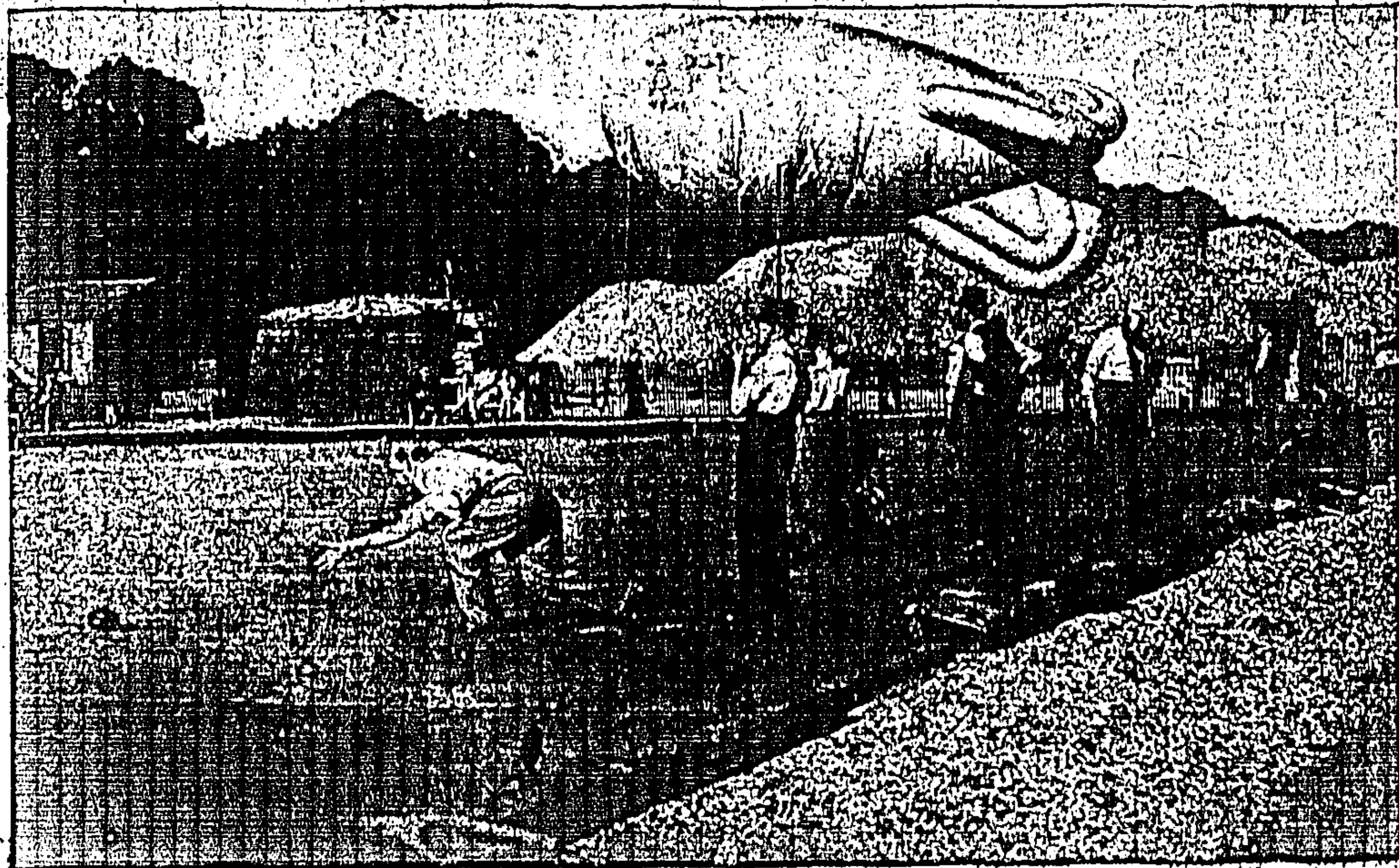
First Round:—L. de Rome and R. W. Stoker beat A. G. Gardner and J. R. Way; J. F. Lunny and J. K. Sloan beat W. MacFarlane and E. L. Groome. 22-9. Eyes into The Semi-Final Round:—R. C. Butler and A. F. Paul beat R. W. Smith and R. A. Owens. Semi-Final:—J. F. Lunny and J. K. Sloan beat L. de Rome and W. Stoker.

KOWLOON TONG

Singles Handicap

Third Round:—T. K. Lim (2) beat C. J. Roe (ser.). Semi-Final:—N. A. E. Mackay (3) beat H. Giffins (ser.).

Nicking four Marine hurlers for 11 hits out of the 14 journeys to the plate, Bill Lambeck, Iron man of the Amateurs, garnered the "China Press" Shanghai baseball batting trophy. The 17-out-of-14 average during the last four games, pulled him from third berth with a .414 per cent. to top place with the creditable average of .335 per cent.



Bowls has always proved a soothing sport to the Englishman. In 1588 Drake played bowls on Plymouth Hoe whilst awaiting invasion by the Spaniards, and now, in 1941, when it is Germany's ambition to land on the shores of Britain, the man in the street still enjoys his game of bowls. But—like Drake—he will not be taken unawares. In the shadow of a barrage balloon in a London park, a game of bowls is here seen quietly in progress. (Copyright, Fox Photos).

BARE-KNUCKLE FIGHTER PASSES AT AGE OF 84

The death of Jem Carney at the age of 84 recalls a great figure of boxing's bare-knuckle years. Carney was formerly English light-weight champion, but one of his greatest fights took place in America, at Boston, when he was 30 years old.

In this fight he battled in a barn with Jack Macquillan, the Irish world champion, and after a terrific 5-hour fight the bout was drawn. Carney was reputed to have left his opponent during the fight to knockout two troublesome spectators, after which he returned to the ring.

"Modern boxers are not villainous enough, they haven't the jaws and ears," Carney once said. He himself was the hero of many bare-knuckle fights.—Reuter.

CYCLONE BOXERS IN TRAINING

MEMBERS OF CYCLONE SPORTS CLUB HAVE, FOR SOMETIME, BEEN TRAINING FOR BOXING, WITH "IRON" BUX JNR. AS THE LEADING LIGHT.

They are extremely keen and are anxious to fix up a match against any other boys' club interested in boxing. Their greatest difficulty to date has been the lack of facilities for training, although some of the keener ones have "gone up on the roof for sparring and ball-punching."

Apart from "Iron" Bux jnr., there is also "Sherry" Bux, an elder brother of the Colony amateur bantamweight champion, who is described as an even more scientific boxer than his brother, but who does not show the same keen interest in the game that the younger one has inherited from their father, ex-Orient champion. A. R. Abbas is also very keen, but he is the "more brawny than brainy" type, while B. Silva is very fast, although his punches need correcting, after which they will carry much more sting.

BRADBURY'S EASY WIN

AT KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB, YESTERDAY, B. W. BRADBURY BEAT A. L. EASTMAN BY 23-10 AT THE 19TH HOLE IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE COLONY LAWN BOWLS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

After being 4-0 down at the 6th, Bradbury registered at the next eight ends and led 10-0 at the 14th. With 12-1, Eastman reduced the lead to 10-10 but Bradbury finished the game with a one and a three.

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2 1 0 0 = 10

TWO MORE NATIONAL RECORDS SHATTERED AT CHINESE MEETING

THE HONG KONG CHINESE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS WERE CONCLUDED LAST NIGHT AT VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB AND WERE FEATURED BY THE BREAKING OF ANOTHER TWO 1935 NATIONAL RECORDS IN THE LADIES' 200 METRES BREAST-STROKE AND THE MEN'S 400 METRES FREE-STYLE EVENTS AND THE EXCELLENT TIME RETURNED BY NG NIN, WHEN SWIMMING IN THE 400 YARDS FREE-STYLE RELAY.

In winning the Ladies' 200 Metres breast-stroke event in 3 mins. 30.8 seconds, Miss Lee Po-luen, of South China, clipped nearly eight seconds off the record established by Miss Chan Yuk-king in 1935. The other record was broken by Chan Chun-nam in the 400 Metres free-style when he covered the distance in 5 mins. 22.6 seconds, almost 11 seconds better than Yeung Wai-ngor's 1935 record of 5 mins. 33 1.5 secs.

Tsui Hang won the 50 Yards free-style in 25.2 seconds without being pressed. Swimming second in the 400 Yards free-style Relay for Sing Tao, Ng Nin covered his 100 Yards in 57 seconds.

The three Lai Tsun stars—Chan Chun-nam, Yau Sak-kwan and Lau Tai-ping—were again featured in a close finish in the 400 Metres free-style event and all three broke the existing National record.

The best race of the evening was the Ladies' 50 Yards free-style, which was won by Miss Ho Wai-king. The other places were keenly contested by Miss Mok Sum-lun, of Lai Tsun, who narrowly beat her club-mate Miss Sai Wai-ying.

Following were the results:—
Men's 400 Yards free-style Relay:—1. Sing Tao (Wong Chi-hung, Ng Nin, Chu Wai-lam and Shek Kam-pul), Time: 4 mins. 4 secs.; 2. Lai Tsun (Lau Tai-ping, Chan Chun-nam, Tsang Cheong-ming and Yau Sak-kwan), Time: 4 mins. 6.6 secs.; 3. Eastern (Kwok Chun-hang, Yeung Kai-wah, Chu Chuk-yau and Tsui Hang), Time: 4 mins. 24 secs.

Ladies' 200 Metres breast-stroke:—1. Miss Lee Po-luen (South China), Time: 3 mins. 30.8 secs. (Record); 2. Miss Ho Wai-king (S.C.A.A.), Time: 3 mins. 43.8 secs.; 3. Miss Shum Wai-yung (Residents'), Time: 3 mins. 48.8 secs.

Men's 100 Metres back-stroke:—1. Chan Kam-cheung (Chinese "Y"), Time: 1 min. 23.2 secs.; 2. Lau Yiu-ting (Lai Tsun), Time: 1 min. 23.4 secs.; 3. Shek Kam-pul (Sing Tao), Time: 1 min. 34 secs.

Ladies' 50 Yards free-style:—1. Miss Ho Wai-king (C.B.C.), Time: 32 secs.; 2. Miss Mok Sum-lun (Lai Tsun), Time: 34 secs.; 3. Miss Sai Wai-ying (Lai Tsun), Time: 34.2 secs.

Men's 50 Yards free-style:—1. Tsui Hang (Eastern), Time: 25.2 secs.; 2. Chan King-pong (C.B.C.), Time: 26.8 secs.; 3. Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun), Time: 27 secs.

Men's 400 Metres free-style:—1. Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsun), Time: 5 mins. 22.6 secs. (Record); 2. Yau Sak-kwan (Lai Tsun), Time: 5 mins. 25.2 secs. (Record); 3. Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun), Time: 5 mins. 26.2 secs. (Record).
Ladies' 400 Metres free-style:—1. Miss Ho Wai-king (C.B.C.), Time: 7 mins. 23.2 secs.; 2. Miss Leung Oi-mui (C.B.C.), Time: 7 mins. 29.0 secs.; 3. Miss Ho Wai-man (S.C.A.A.), Time: 8 mins. 1.4 secs.

D. Chellah, University cricketer and badminton player, returned to the Colony from a holiday in Malaya, on Tuesday. It is understood he will be playing more hockey this winter than he did last, when he turned out only occasionally for University.

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BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR CHINESE SWIMMERS IN H.K. CHAMPIONSHIPS

By "Incog."

In an earlier article I dealt with the prospects of Victoria Recreation Club representatives in the Colony Swimming Championships, which open on Thursday, and the many galas held in the various clubs since then have provided me with further opportunities of studying the form of the Chinese challengers.

CHAN CHUN-NAM, Lai Tsun star, is so well-known to followers of swimming that it would be superfluous to reiterate his claims, beyond mentioning the fact that he is generally conceded an excellent chance of setting up new marks in the 440 and 880 Yards free-style events, though he will perhaps meet with stiffer opposition in the 220 Yards free-style race.

YAU SAI-KWAN, one of the two Lai Tsun youngsters to have improved so remarkably in the current season, also promises to break the very good times established by Chan last year, and should place second in the 440 and 880 Yards events.

LAU TAI-PING, who led the field easily in his heat of the 220 Yards free-style, returned the very good time of 2 mins. 28 1/5 secs., as compared to Yau Sai-kwan's winning time of 2 mins. 30 1/5 secs. in the other heat. Lau should win this event, but I doubt very much if he will break W. Lawrence's record of 2 mins. 35 secs. for this distance. He should fight it out with Yau for the second place in the other two long distance events.

This remarkable Lai Tsun trio have the advantage of each other's company in their training, and the friendly rivalry that exists helps to make their work more interesting.

"Veteran" Fancied

TSUI HANG, "veteran" of Eastern Athletic Association, is my choice to win the 50 Yards and 100 Yards free-style events, though other critics are for Ng Nin or David Hutchinson. In the heats of the 50 Yards he was unfortunate to draw Lane 1, and in the race collided with one of the "buoys" and came practically to a standstill, but he still managed to recover sufficiently to carry on and win his heat in the excellent time of 25 seconds flat.

The 100 Yards free-style race will provide a grand fight between Tsui Hang, Ng Nin and David Hutchinson, with Tsui Hang having the edge and David Hutchinson second.

NG NIN, crack sprinter of Sing Tao, broke the record for the 50 Yards free-style in the heats when he returned 24.3/5 secs. In the 100 Yards I do not think he has bettered 37 seconds this year, and the winner of this race must certainly do this to win. Ng Nin is a certainty, however, for the 100 Yards breast-stroke as he employs the "butterfly" stroke throughout. In the newly inaugurated 150 Yards Individual Medley he should win in a canter, and will quite probably set a mark that will take some beating.

Ho Should Win

HO PUN-KUN, of South China Athletic Association, returned 3 mins. 0.3/5 secs. for the 220 Yards breast-

stroke, and should win this event, even though FUNG WAI-CHEUNG, of Chinese "Y" returned the same time to win the other heat, and Yau Sai-kwan returned 3 mins. 0.4/5 secs. to come in second in the first heat. The latter swam the first three lengths and the final lap with the "butterfly" stroke, and every swimmer knows what a remarkable feat this is, as this style is "killing".

SING TAO, with Ng Nin, Shek Kam-pui, Wong Chie-hong and A. N. Other should win the 200 Yards free-style relay easily, with EASTERN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION second.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB, with A. K. Runjahn, Luiz M. Renardus and W. Lawrence (in place of G. Saunders) should win the Medley Relay, but they will not have everything their own way as EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A., with Noel Hammond, David Hutchinson and E. A. Roberts, are quite a threat, while SING TAO have also quite a formidable aggregation in Shek Kam-pui, Ng Nin and Wong Chie-hong.

The Ladies

MISS LI PO-LUEN, of University, should win the 100 Yards breast-stroke, having returned the best time in the heats, and stands a good chance of beating Miss Tsang Fung-kwan in the 50 Yards race of this style.

MISS LILY SADICK, Lai Tsun, has no match in the Colony in the back-stroke and should win both races, while her team-mate, MISS TSANG FUNG-KWAN, promises to do well in the 50 Yards breast-stroke.

MISS KO MIU-LING, Lai Tsun sprinter, is the one likely to provide opposition to the probable winners of the free-style and breast-stroke events, while MISS HO WAI-KING, of Chinese Bathing Club, who returned the second best time in the 220 Yards, should secure a place in this event.

MISS HO WAI-MAN, also of C.B.C., is another very good swimmer but not in the class of the probable champions. She and her sister should put up good opposition for second places in the events for which they have entered.

The Relays

LAI TSUN SWIMMING UNION should win the 200 Yards free-style Relay for Women, having Miss Ko Miu-ling, Miss Lily Sadick, Miss Lo Po-kun, and Miss Tsang Fung-kwan, though Victoria Recreation Club will provide a good fight with Miss Jacqueline Anderson, Miss Celeste Guterres, Miss Irene Lopes and Miss Myra Noronha or Mrs. J. Crawford.

LAI TSUN should also win the Medley Relay. Without Vivienne Churn to make up for the lead that Lily Sadick is certain to establish in the back-stroke V.R.C.'s chances are very slender.

'VARSITY COLOURS AWARDED

Athletic colours at Hong Kong University have been awarded to W. S. Gegg, S. H. Leung, Miss Ellen Hunt and Pao Yue-lum. Swimming Club "Greens" have been awarded to Dr. Wong Yat-hung and Charles Huang.

OTT'S ODDITY

Mel Ott lifts his right foot off the ground as he starts his swing. The Giants' home run king has done that since he was a child. He's the only great hitter with the oddity.

"When I go into a slump, I just kick the right leg about a foot higher and I'm hitting again," beams the Louisiana Lollipop.

A group of Shanghai Chinese have formed themselves into a private tennis club and have held a number of matches amongst themselves on the Marble Hall court in Midway Road. They may enter the Tennis League "in a modest way" next season if they can make arrangements to have the use of a ground for that purpose.

Wild Throw Gives Merry Madcaps 4-3 Decision Over Mohawks

EDDIE Marques' Merry Madcaps again hung up the "V-for victory" sign over Marauding Mohawks by nosing them out 4 to 3 in an over-time tilt in Sunday's night-cap at Kowloon Football Club ground, whilst Canadian Chinese girls drubbed Dave Walker's Cardinals 12 to 8 in the opener.

Both hurlers chucked superb ball for the whole tussle, mound victor Carl Silva-Netto being nicked for four blows whilst losing slabster "Smudge" Smith yielded three singles. Silva-Netto fanned two and walked one, whilst Smith whiffed two and passed two to first, and was also charged with two wild pitches.

High-lighted by air-tight ball, the first two frames swept by in a quick succession of put outs, Chuck Waggoner's Marauding Mohawks chalking up their first marker in the third canto on two blows, whilst a string of horse-collars decorated the Madcap section of the score-board for four frames.

With the fifth session coming up, the one run lead was beginning to look mighty big for mentor Eddie Marques. Madcaps turned on the heat in the same frame to take the lead as Marques, "Americo" Lopes and Silva-Netto romped over the pay-off station to garner a trio of markers for the Madcaps, but the lead was short-lived as the Waggonermen came right back in the next with a couple of tallies to knot the count.

The Waggonermen were retired in one-two-three order in their turn with the stick. Madcap first-sacker Romeo Hamet was given a life on a bobbie and pilfered second. "Aviechy" Yvanovich tapped a roller, but key-stoner Vic. Linu heaved the pill a mile high and wide to Nip Lum to see the winning run spike the rubber.

Mar Sisters To The Rescue

In the ladies' tilt, Canadian Chinese started off short-handed and called upon the services of the Mar sisters, Lily and Gloria, to fill the gaps at the mid-way station and the hot corner.

The Canuckettes started off with classy Alice Mar on the mound and she fanned three and walked one, whilst relief twirler Mary Ng whiffed three and walked two. Lefty Dolly Brown, tossing the apple for the Red-birds, also struck-out three and issued see transportation to first to two Canuckettes.

Redbirds jumped into the lead with

a cluster of two runs in each of the first two sessions, whilst the Maple Leafers could only produce a single marker, but a barrage of four blows in the third canto the Canuckettes' six counters for them to take the lead, whilst a spurge of four runs in the fifth just about sewed the game away for them in the bat bag. The Cards produced a spirited rally in the final stanza, but could tally only three times before the attempt was smothered.

Jean Lee, starry short-stop and field captain of the Maple Leafs, led the

"cissy game," have since found out that they have been wrong all along, as the recent epidemic of sprained digits or what is commonly known as "softball finger," will testify. If there's anything cissy about it, we haven't noticed it, except that the only thing soft about it is the name. The fact that the girls have taken to it like ducks to water, only proves its popularity.

Softball is growing in popularity so steadily that it is gradually ousting King Baseball from the throne, and already the heavier game is playing second fiddle.

Don't under-estimate this game of softball, or kitten-ball, as our Shanghai friends still call it. It's come out of the back-alley into the light of day, a magnificent game that is growing with the passing of years.

For thrilling action on the diamond, there can be no equal to a batter's dream—a home-run with the bases loaded. The sound of ash against horsehide starting a wild stampede of fielders towards the speeding ball. Base-runners tear around the sacks with the coaches waving wildly. The batter rounds second, makes third and starts straight for the home-plate. The catcher is crouched ready for the throw-in, the runner slides, ball and runner seem to arrive together. The umpire's hands point down, the runner is safe. Everyone is tense, excited and uncertain until the last moment. Yes Sir, give me a good game on the diamond for thrills any day.

By "Grandstand"

batting-parade with a three-four performance at the plate, rapping out a double and a single in her four batting chances, but the longest blow of the scuffle was belted out by Dolly Brown, with a hefty triple to chase in two mates.

Cardinal third-sacker Betty Clarke and first-sacker Alice Tsang completed the only double killing of the fracas, but the latter bungled four chances at the initial station.

Softball Increasing In Popularity

BREAKING into its fifth season, Softball, which stormed the Colony five years ago, is fast becoming a major winter sport in these sunny shores. Those who have scoffed at the

SOUTH CHINA ON THE MARK AGAINST "Y"

By "Sportshawk"

Displaying clever inter-passing and accurate shooting South China had little difficulty in defeating Chinese Y.M.C.A. in their "needle" match in the Open Basketball League last night by 44 points to 25 and are thus almost assured of the championship.

Neither team had lost a match previously. "Y" forwards were not up to their usual form and missed many scoring opportunities.

Leading by 19-14 in the first half South China struck their best form in the second period, out-manoeuvring their opponents and treating the crowd to some excellent shooting. They won the match by an unexpectedly big margin.

Chung Ling, South China left winger, was the hero of the game, scoring 14 points and was prominent with his accurate shooting. Shek Chum-tat played well as guard.

For Chinese "Y" Lee Fook-kee and Luk Tak-cheung were outstanding in the attack while Fong Yuk-shan was impressive in the defence.

"Y" were good in their inter-passing but were very weak in their shooting. They had ample opportunities but failed with their parting shots.

South China (44 points):—Chung Ling

14, Lo Fun 11, Shek Chun-suen 10, Shek Chun-tat 6, Ng Suen-chiu 2 and Cheng Yuk-sun 1.

Chinese "Y" (25 points):—Lee Fook-kee 7, Luk Tak-cheung 5, Chan Kang-yu 4, Tang Sik-chan 3, So Pak-wai 2, Fong Yuk-shan 2 and Lo On-sun 2.

N.U. Win 51-34

In the curtain raiser, National University beat Youths by 51 points to 34, after leading by 20-18 at the interval.

National U. (51 points):—Yu Shih-luen 15, Chan Shiu-luk 13, Chan Sun-kun 11, Yip Fai-lung 7 and Yu Suk-yim 5.

Youths (34 points):—Chien To 9, Lee Cheuk-man 8, Pun Yau-ming 4, Tsui Sip-kong 4, Yip Chun-yiu 3, Chan Suk-kwai 2, Lee Kan-ching 2 and Yuen Kwok-chi 2.

TABLE TO DATE

	P	W	L	Pts
South China	7	7	0	14
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	7	6	1	12
Sing Tao	7	6	1	12
National University	7	6	1	12
Wah Kiu	6	4	2	8
Black Cats	7	4	3	8
Residents' Union	6	3	3	6
Indian Police	6	2	4	4
Youths	6	2	4	4
Yu Leung	6	1	5	2
Bank Union	6	1	5	2
Pan Ching	6	1	5	2
Trojans	5	0	5	0
V.R.C.	6	0	6	0

SHANGHAI TENNIS RESULTS

One of the two remaining quarter-finals of the Shanghai Lawn Tennis Singles Championship was decided last week when Harry K. F. Li beat E. T. Indricksen by 3 sets to 1, while in an earlier match "Poker" Tong caused some surprise when he beat T. C. Chang after five hard sets.

In the lower bracket Harry Li and Kho Sin-oei are now in the semi-finals, and when they meet tennis of a high class should be seen.

Results of the latest block of matches played were—

MEN'S SENIOR SINGLES
Harry K. F. Li beat E. T. Indricksen 3-6, 7-5, 10-8, 0-0.
"Poker" Tong beat T. C. Chang, 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 0-3, 6-5.

MEN'S JUNIOR SINGLES
E. Tsai beat F. Braunthal, 6-3, 7-5, 6-1.
B. Fong beat F. K. L. Wang, 7-5, 7-5, 6-1.

E. Arnvig beat Shao, 6-1, 6-1, 0-0.
MEN'S DOUBLES
L. Marcal and S. A. Colloco beat H. C. Yang and P. K. Sung, 6-7, 6-1, 6-3, 6-4.

A. M. Rozario and V. A. S. C. Souza beat E. T. Indricksen and D. Green, 6-0, 6-0, 0-1, 0-2.
E. Tsai and T. Liang beat S. Zee and C. How, 6-3, 7-5, 6-2.



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DOCTOR TO JOIN MISSION TO MOSCOW

It was learned authoritatively in London yesterday that Mr. Winston Churchill has invited the President of the Royal College of Physicians, Sir Charles Wilson, to join the British Mission to Moscow.

Sir Charles will report to Mr. Churchill on the question of any medical aid that should be given to the U.S.S.R.—Reuter.

POLISH V.C. FOR WAVELL

GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD WAVELL HAS BEEN AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS OF VIRTUE MILITARY, WHICH IS THE POLISH EQUIVALENT OF THE VICTORIA CROSS. IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

General Wavell had the Polish Carpathian Brigade under his command when he was Commander-in-Chief of the Middle East. General Sikorski, addressing the Polish Motorised Artillery in the

Meaning Of New Burma Airfields

INCREASED AID for China and greater mobility of the Royal Air Force in the East is expected to result from the considerable progress recently made in the provision of new aerodromes and landing grounds in Burma.

Although built specifically for the extension of civil air lines in Burma, it is expected the new aerodromes will accelerate the transit of the growing flood of supplies for China arriving under the Lease and Lend procedure.

They will also play their part in the defence of Burma should the necessity arise, and will increase the mobility of the Royal Air Force.

In addition to the aerodromes and landing grounds already built, others are now being built and still others are planned.

The British Commander-in-Chief of the Far East, Air Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, who has been touring Burma inspecting the country's air and other defences, has already covered hundreds of miles by motor car as well as by plane.

He witnessed demonstrations by one of the most modern and fastest fighters.

After that, accompanied by Lieut. General D. K. MacLeod, British Commander-in-Chief of Burma, he left for Lashio at the Burma end of the Burma-China Road.—Reuter.

United Kingdom on Sunday, revealed that the Carpathian Brigade was now actively engaged on one of the Middle East fronts.—Reuter.

PETAINE'S INSULT TO FRANCE

The first New York press comment on Marshal Petain's broadcast on Sunday is biting condemnation of the speech which a writer in the newspaper, "P.M.," calls "a blot on the history of France's leadership."

It adds: "He insulted the French people. No-one need wonder any more. The second battle for France is the fight against France's Fuehrer, Petain, as well as against Hitler. 'Petain should take a look at France's history. He would find out that it is French tradition to attack the enemies of France and to fight against tyranny.'—Reuter.

GALLANT REARGUARD ACTION

(Continued from Page 1)
"Their rearguards are attempting to counter-attack but liaison between the different units seems to have broken and resistance weakening."

"This suggests that the Soviet Command has renounced its efforts to continue fighting between the Dnieper and the Donetz and is concentrating on organising its retreating forces behind the latter river."

"Field works and fortifications still in being have been abandoned."

Dniester Battle

Italian press reports states that Rumanian troops have taken Ovidiopolis, 25 miles to the south-west of Odessa, after heavy fighting and are now advancing along the coast towards Odessa. Ovidiopolis is at the mouth of the Dniester which marks the old frontier between Rumania and the U.S.S.R.

Italy Obedient To Similar Instructions

A special correspondent of the Official Italian News Agency wired last night to Rome alleging that Marshal Budenny had withdrawn most of the army that escaped encirclement east of Kiev across the Donetz River.

The Soviet High Command, he added, evidently hoped to establish a new defence line on the east bank.—Reuter.

GRAND MUFTI IN JAPANESE LEGATION

The Cairo newspaper, "Al Mokatattam," cites a "reliable source" for a report from Teheran that the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem has been found at the Japanese Legation at Teheran.—Reuter.

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Grim Battle East Of Kiev

MUNITION
FACTORY
WRECKED

An important munitions works at Vlasin in southern Bohemia has been destroyed as a result of a violent explosion, according to news reaching Czechoslovak circles in London says Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.

The works were concerned with filling shell cases with explosives.

It is known that at least 90 Germans, brought from the Reich to work in this factory, are among the wounded now undergoing hospital treatment, but nothing is known as to the number of killed.

Following the explosion, German troops immediately surrounded the wrecked buildings and investigation was started but thus far this has proved quite fruitless.

AT ALMOST THE SAME TIME, THE POWER STATION AT TREBENICE WAS WRECKED BY ANOTHER EXPLOSION. A GREAT PART OF THE BUILDING BEING DESTROYED.—REUTER.

ITALY
LOSES BIG
LINERS

Destruction of two Italian liners and damage to a third Italian liner was announced by the Admiralty yesterday afternoon in London.

The communique reads: "On Thursday (September 18), submarines of the Mediterranean Fleet on patrol in the Central Mediterranean successfully attacked a fast and heavily escorted Italian convoy carrying reinforcements to Libya."

"The convoy consisted of three liners. Two have been destroyed. It is probable that the third was damaged."

"ONE OF THE LINERS IN THIS CONVOY WAS SIMILAR TO THE STEAMER 'VULCANIA' OF 24,400 TONS. THE OTHER TWO LINERS WERE OF APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TONNAGE.—REUTER."

Retreat To Don
Alleged By Nazis"STATE OF
SIEGE"
DENIED

No state of siege has been declared in Bulgaria, says an official Sofia announcement quoted by the Rome Radio yesterday.—Reuter.

(The Ankara Radio last Friday described it as a "state of emergency.")

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Rates for Press telegrams within the British Empire are to be reduced from 2½d. per word to a penny a word.

The new rate will apply from October 1 and will remain in force for the duration of the war.

The rates with Eire and Burma will remain temporarily unchanged, however.

Announcing this development, Sir Edward Wilshaw, chairman of Cables and Wireless, said the arrangement followed consultation with the Minister of Information, Mr. Brendan Bracken and other interested parties and was made with the cooperation of the Empire Governments.—Reuter.

ANOTHER
U.S. SHIP
TORPEDOED

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FOLLOWING THE STATEMENT ANNOUNCED BY MOSCOW AND THE GERMAN REPORT THAT KIEV, THE CAPITAL OF THE UKRAINE IS IN A STATE OF "INDESCRIBABLE DEVASTATION" INTEREST IN LONDON IS FOCUSED UPON THE SAVAGE FIGHTING WHICH IS PROCEEDING EAST OF THE CITY.

Here regulars of the Soviet Army supplemented by detachments of the Home Guard are reported to be fighting a gallant rearguard action. Reports on the outcome of this fighting are keenly awaited in London.

Meanwhile, the Germans claim to have annihilated large bodies of troops in this area and to have taken 150,000 prisoners.

The reluctant Nazi admission that the Russians have left behind only a city of ruins and wreckage, would indicate that Marshal Budenny made an orderly retreat.

Professing concern for Kiev's population, the Germans declare, "by their destructive rage, the Bolsheviks have endangered the lives of tens of thousands in the cruelest fashion," but it is pointed out in London that there is no basis for this statement.

Orderly Withdrawal

In fact, observers in London take hope from German reports considering the thorough devastation inflicted on this holy Russian city which indicates not only an orderly withdrawal of armed forces but that Kiev's civilians were properly evacuated. This would indicate considerable plans in advance by which they hope to insure the outcome of the engagements which are now proceeding.

ESCAPED
IN CANOE

FIVE YOUNG FRENCHMEN WHO ESCAPED FROM FRANCE IN A FRAIL CANOE AND AFTER STRUGGLING FOR 30 HOURS IN THE CHANNEL LANDED AT EASTBOURNE LAST WEEK, WERE RECEIVED YESTERDAY BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND MRS. CHURCHILL AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE, NO. 10, DOWNING STREET.

The Frenchmen were still clad in a variety of clothing.

One wore white duck trousers and a pair of wooden sabots.

Another wore blue shorts. Others wore golf jackets and plus fours and were still showing evidence of the daring voyage across the Channel.

Mr. Churchill gave a toast "Vive la France." Later the visitors left to join General de Gaulle's Free French Force.—Reuter.

ANGLO-AMERICAN
AIR MISSIONS
IN MOSCOW

The Moscow Radio announced yesterday that the British and American representatives to the Moscow Conference have arrived.—Reuter.

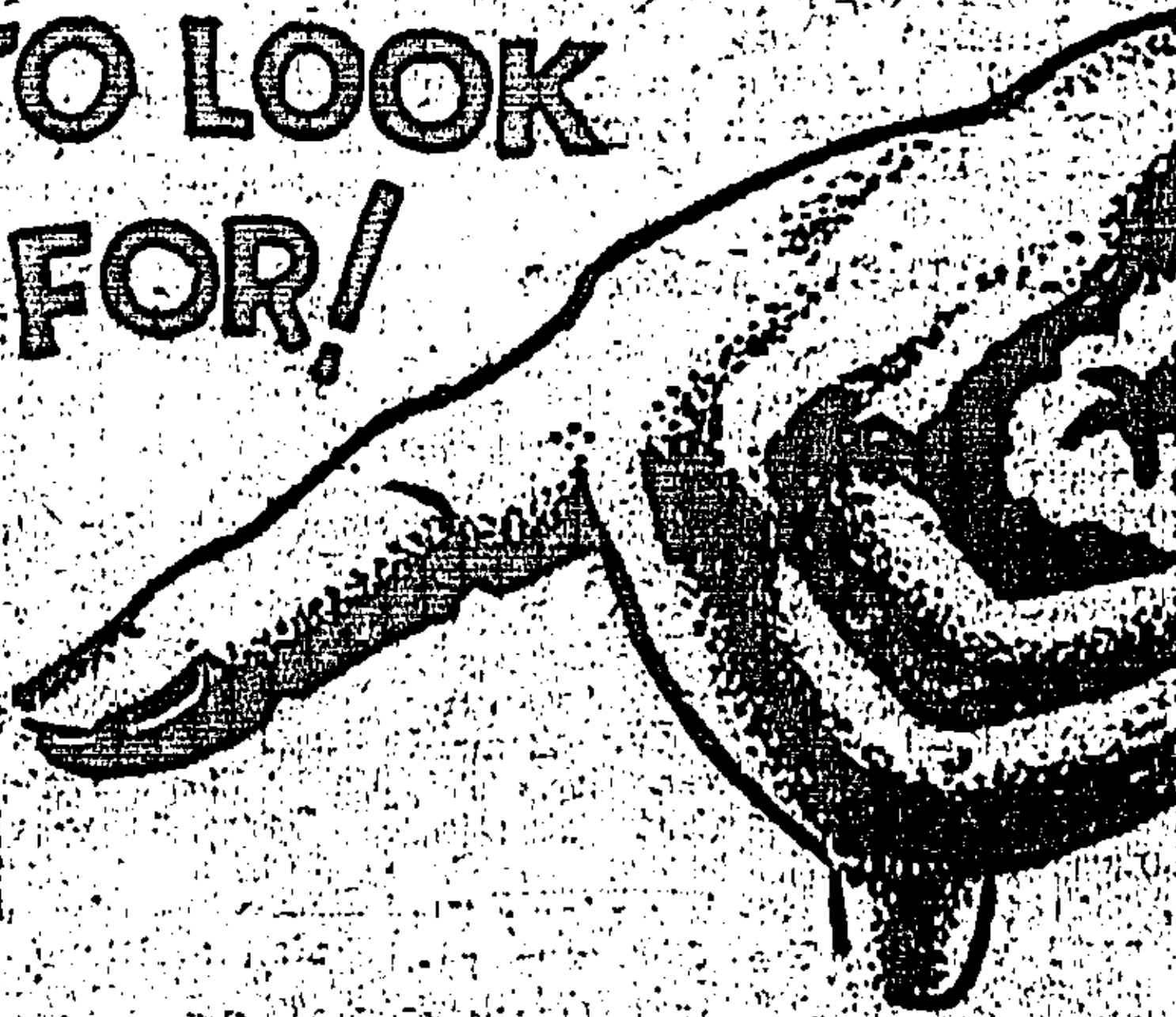
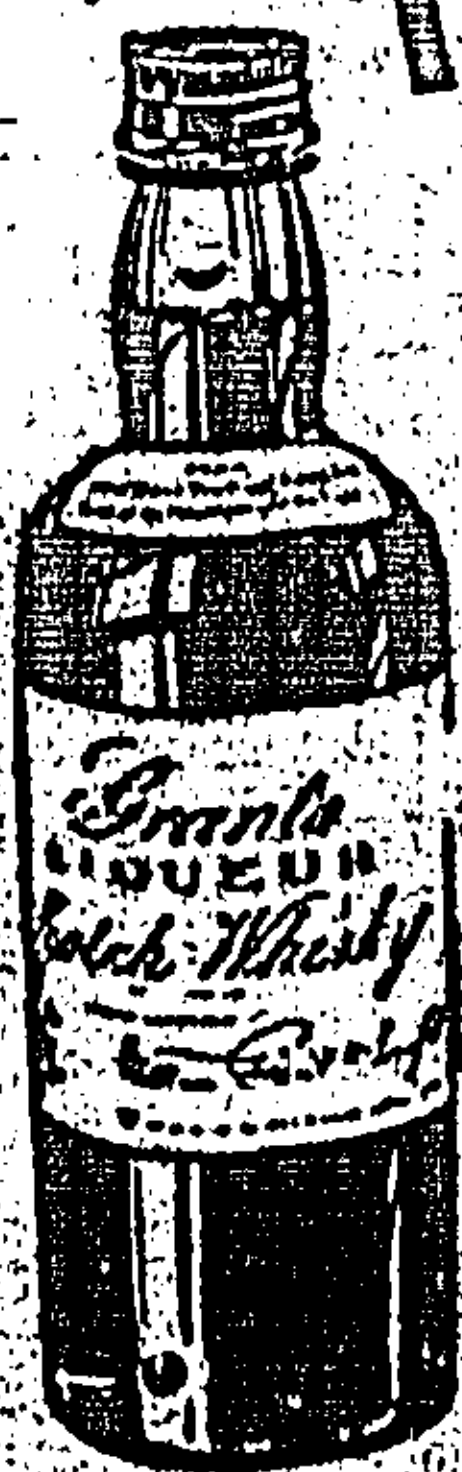
Teheran
Not
Occupied

Recent reports that Allied troops had occupied Teheran are incorrect, states an official communique issued in Simla yesterday.

The communique says: "Owing to atmospheric disturbances, communication with Iran and Iraq were subjected to interference the last few days."

"It is now established that recent Press and radio reports to the effect that Allied troops have occupied Teheran is incorrect."

"The Allied forces are still encamped outside the city."—Reuter.

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REUTER VISITS SOVIET FRONT

Desolate Yelnya Battlefield

Grim Evidences Of Heavy Fighting

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Russia, on the Yelnya Smolensk Front).

"I AM WRITING THIS DESPATCH FROM YELNYA, PRINCIPAL TOWN OF THE LARGE SALIENT WHICH THE RUSSIANS RE-CAPTURED AFTER SMASHING EIGHT GERMAN DIVISIONS IN A MONTH-LONG BATTLE WHICH PROVED ONE OF THE WAR'S FIERCEST STRUGGLES.

"It is now nearly a week since I left Moscow for the first trip to the front accorded to any foreign journalist. Since then I have travelled along many roads — often incredible roads — along the Smolensk sector of the Eastern front.

"One re-captured village I visited remains very vividly in my memory. Unlike so many others there are few houses still standing, but the only inhabitants were one peasant and three children, and one blind woman who had been rendered insane through the experiences through which she had passed.

"I saw her wandering through, carrying from place to place her only possessions — one pail, one sheepskin and a few pathetic rags.

"But the three children were already busy digging up the potatoes from the recaptured fields.

Hereabouts, and to the east, the countryside was devastated by the Germans before they were driven out by the Russian pincer movement further west.

"The result of this pincer movement was that thousands of Germans were killed or captured, while other German forces were compelled to withdraw rapidly from the bottle-neck, abandoning strong positions and masses of equipment.

Yelnya Ruin

"The Germans are now 11 miles from Yelnya and are being driven further away. Smolensk is still in German hands, but the Russians are not very far off. In Yelnya the only building relatively intact is one church.

The remainder of this town, which formerly had 5,000 inhabitants, now consists mainly of a few chimney stacks and heaps of rubble and ashes.

"A large number of inhabitants, trapped by the sudden arrival of the Germans, were formed into forced labour gangs and sent to the German rear, and nobody knows what has happened to them, though some escaped into the woods or managed to reach the Russian lines, while others are still trickling back, though there is nowhere in town left for them to live in.

Burning Inferno

"When the Germans decided to evacuate the town on the night of September 4, they ordered the remaining few hundred inhabitants, mostly old people and children, to assemble inside a church which they locked up. Before leaving the town, the Germans systematically set fire to every house which had so far escaped destruction, and it was into this burning inferno that Russian troops re-entered.

"I travelled to-day along the road where the Germans retreated before abandoning Yelnya. I started in the morning from Dorogobuzh which had never been in German hands, but which was almost completely destroyed by terror raids during the month of July. "It was uncanny, driving in the darkness, through an unknown town with the silhouettes of nothing but burnt out houses with the sky showing through all the windows — like skulls instead of faces.

"After wading through deep mud, I at last reached an Army

hut where I was given supper by the local commander and put up on heaps of straw. I will tell about the Russian officers later.

Devastation

"This morning I drove across a town that looked like a devastated piece of Stepany. The Army was generally taking care of the people whose homes had been burned, but in the villages around life seemed to go on, strangely normally despite the fact that many thatched roofs have been blown away by the blast, and there were many craters in the roadside.

"There were pigs, geese and hens on the roads, but things were different on entering a country which had either been No Man's Land or occupied by the Germans who had systematically destroyed or taken away all livestock which there had not been time to evacuate before they arrived.

In No Man's Land, one of the fiercest battles had been fought in wide fields of over-ripe flax and rye still uncut. I got to a village which had been the centre of this battle. Nothing was left of it but a few burned stumps.

Labyrinth Of Trenches

"Called Ushakovo, it stands on an advantageous height overlooking a semi-circle of woods a couple of miles distant which was held by the Russians. The Germans made this village their stronghold, but it was the Russians who advanced, step by step, digging themselves as they advanced during several weeks from three directions until the Germans were finally forced to withdraw.

"Allotments round and through Ushakovo were a labyrinth of German trenches. Some 500 yards distant, were lines rapidly constructed by night of Russian trenches and in between these were indentations where the advancing Russian soldiers ducked when approaching the German lines.

"The terrain occupied by the Germans was like a lunar landscape with shell craters proving the accuracy of Russian artillery.

Mournful Scene

The fierceness of the battle was shown by the large mound fenced off and decorated with fir branches and wild flowers where hundreds of Russian soldiers were buried.

"German bodies filled numerous shell-holes, now covered up. Around this mournful scene, uncut rye fields and potato patches grown by peasants in the now non-existent village were whipped by the autumn rain.

"The ground was littered with

ABLE TO MEET ALL DEMANDS

THE UNITED STATES DEFENCE PROGRAMME HAS REACHED A POINT WHERE IT IS ABLE TO MEET ALL DEMANDS FOR TANKS, SMALL GUNS AND AMMUNITION, DECLARED MR. WILLIAM KNUDSEN, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE OFFICE OF PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT, IN CHICAGO YESTERDAY.

Calling for still greater effort, he declared that it was time for the country to "get behind the armament programme and see it through regardless of the sacrifices we may have to make in our comfortable standard of living. "I think it behoves us all to wake up!" — Reuter.

INTER-ALLIED CONFERENCE IN LONDON

THE MAIN ITEMS for debate at the forthcoming inter-Allied conference in London will, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, probably be:—

- (1) the Atlantic Charter, signed by Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt.
- (2) Plans for post-war reconstruction in all the allied countries.

Mr. Churchill will be the principal British representative. Russia will be represented for the first time at these conferences and her delegate is expected to be the Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky.

All the Allied countries will naturally subscribe to the aims of the Atlantic Charter.

It is thought that postwar plans will be discussed for a switchover from war to peacetime production, including the collection and storage of raw materials and their distribution where the need is greatest. In the countries concerned.

The idea, it is assumed, is that reconstruction shall be tackled as

an international problem with mutual cooperation instead of leaving each country to act as it finds itself possible. — Reuter.

ON MURDER CHARGE AT 18

An eighteen-year-old cinema operator, Leslie Walter Hammond, of Buckland-avenue, Dover, was charged with the murder of George Thomas Roberts, 50, manager of the Plaza Cinema, Dover.

Hammond is employed at the cinema.

Before the arrest was made known Hammond was interviewed by Detective-Superintendent Rawlings, of Scotland Yard in a first-floor room at the police station.

Heavy black curtains were drawn across one of the windows throughout the interview to conceal those inside from passers-by.

Mr. Roberts, who had been manager only four months, was found dead in a cellar under the cinema.

GERMANS TELL OF TRUTH

Increased weight of bombing by the Royal Air Force has driven the Nazis to change their policy of attempting to conceal air raid damage from their people.

Their communiques now make a virtue of necessity, and with a great show of moral indignation they assert after a night of vigorous attacks on Berlin and the Ruhr, that "damage was done to buildings in residential quarters, but no military damage was caused." After a very heavy attack, like the attack on the Ruhr on the night of June 11 they are even franker and admit that "in Cologne, Duisburg and Bochum, great destruction was caused in residential quarters." But the communiques also say that "industrial plants and railway lines suffered only slight damage."

This is the well-worn German trick of a lie which is a distorted half truth. Great destruction certainly was caused in Cologne, Duisburg, and Bochum on the night of June 11—so much was true. Some of it may well have been in residential quarters, for in the thickly populated industrial areas of the Ruhr and the Rhineland, houses and munition factories are packed tightly together. Industrial plants and railway lines suffered damage that also was true. What was false was that the damage to them was slight.

The whole truth was that industries, railways and houses all shared in the great destruction, for when factories were hit, houses suffered also. The destruction of their homes could not be concealed from the German people; so much therefore the Nazis were forced to admit.

In recent attacks on Hamburg over 5,000 houses are reliably reported to have been destroyed or seriously damaged. Devastation on such a scale is quite impossible to conceal, and the German propagandists have had to face the fact and make the best use of it they can.

But there is other destruction which they do not and dare not admit. For example, hits were scored on the Blohm and Voss shipbuilding yards in Hamburg, the yards in which many of Germany's submarines are built.

More recently, on the June 25 they admitted that "British planes dropped H.E. and incendiary bombs in Western and N.W. Germany," adding: "the civilian population suffered some losses in dead and injured, but there was no damage to military or important war objects." The use of the word "important" is significant! The German admission followed the British announcement of heavy attacks on objectives at Cologne, Dusseldorf, and the naval base at Kiel.

GREEK PREMIER'S MESSAGE

IN A MESSAGE TO THE BRITISH PEOPLE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ARRIVAL WITH KING GEORGE OF GREECE IN BRITAIN, THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER, M. TSOUDEROS, SAID: "WE ARE EXTREMELY HAPPY TO FIND OURSELVES HERE AMONG THE BRITISH PEOPLE."

"We intend to carry on to the very end this struggle at the side of the British against the Nazis and Fascist tyrants of Europe."

"We are going to build up our resources to continue this fight until the victory of which I am confident. It is impossible to say how long we shall stay here. We are tremendously proud to come to London, capital of not only the British Empire but of all freedom loving peoples." — Reuter.

Indications Of Orderly Soviet Withdrawal At Kiev

Loss Serious But Far From Fatal

IT WOULD BE IDLE, WRITES ANNALIST, TO DENY THAT THE LOSS OF KIEV IS A SERIOUS BLOW TO RUSSIA.

The destruction and wreckage of this beautiful old town is a loss to civilisation, but it is far from being a knock-out blow either to the Soviet forces in general or to those of Marshal Budenny in particular.

It shows that if a determined commander is prepared to pay the price, he can achieve very considerable successes, but the price at Kiev must have been appallingly high and the question is bound to arise sooner or later. How often will the Germans be able to afford it?

With the conquest of each strong position a new one seems to rear itself before the German advance and new armies appear which show the same undaunted resolution of those who have fallen back after inflicting the maximum of punishment on the enemy.

German Figures

It is significant that the Germans seized the moment of the capture of Kiev to publish their first detailed list of alleged losses in the first three months of the campaign. Although 400,000 casualties are admitted, the figures are regarded by experts to be ridiculously low, and it is evident that the High Command waited for some success to sugar the pill before they dared to make any announcement.

There is no further news as to the fighting round Leningrad or in the vicinity of Smolensk.

Further south, the Germans appear to be aiming at Rostov in the mouth of the Don, but Kharkov is more likely to be the next important target as it would threaten the whole of the Donetz Basin. —Reuter.

SWEETIE PIE TO MARRY

Sweetie Pie, or as she is formally known in private life — Sister Lilian Mary Gutteridge, is to be married.

Sister Gutteridge is the Stockton-on-Tees girl who, at the outbreak of war, volunteered for service became a Florence Nightingale to the wounded men in the retreat to Dunkirk.

She saw the ship on which she and her patients were to be evacuated sunk, and for three days she tended them ashore.

Miss Gutteridge, who was posted to Palestine after Dunkirk, is to be married at St. George's Cathedral, Jerusalem, to Superintendent James Loftus Otway, of the Tribal Guard, Aden, and formerly of the C.I.D. at Jerusalem.

AUSTRALIAN BANKS CUT INTEREST

As from yesterday, the fixed deposit rates of Australian banks have been reduced by a further six pence per annum making an aggregate reduction of 15 shillings per cent. since the outbreak of the war.

The new rates are, three months, 1½ per cent.; six months, 1¾ per cent.; one year, 2 per cent.; and two years, 2¼ per cent. —Reuter.

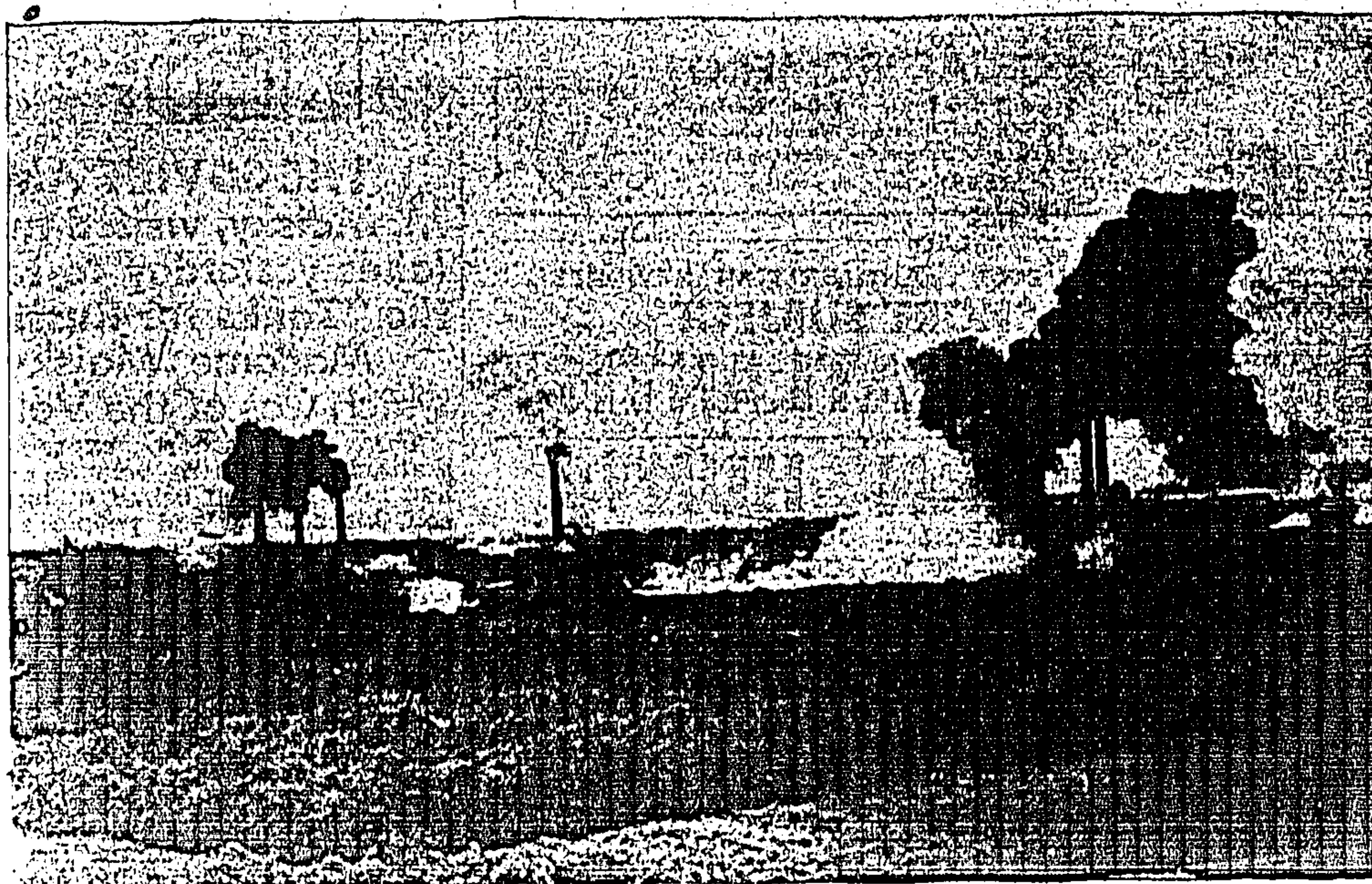
MR. FIREWORKS AND STAFF

The success of a bombing attack depends on many people, and not least on the armament officer—"Mr. Fireworks" as he is sometimes called—and his staff of armourers. They not only prepare for action the bombs and guns, the bomber's offensive and defensive weapons, but also its varied collection of pyrotechnics—smoke flares, flame floats, sea markers, and signal cartridges.

The armourer has one of the most fascinating jobs on a bomber station. Men who were mechanics in civilian life are often attracted to it, but some of the most expert armourers were once clerks, shop assistants, or business men. They work in shifts from the return of the aircraft in the dawn to the take-off in the dusk. Their first job is to examine any faults in armament that may be reported by the crews when they land. During the morning the armourers examine the guns, the bomb racks, and then all the rest of the aircraft's armament. One of the armourer's jobs is to help the air gunner to harmonize his multiple guns so that they make the right cone of fire.

Later in the day the armourer tests the gun turrets and loads the ammunition in magazine pans and belts. He gives special attention to the bomb racks and tests them with dummy bombs to make sure that the release catches are working properly. The bombs must be fused before they are loaded, a task which might be thought dangerous but is entirely safe in the hands of these well-trained men. Just before the take-off the safety pins are removed and handed to the bombardier.

As the aircraft taxi to the end of the runway the armourers stand on the edge of the flying field to watch the take-off. They know that their day's work is about to be tested on the enemy and that if there should be anything wrong with the bomb release gear, or a gun should jam, the first call after the return in the morning will be for the armourer. If he has one regret, it is that he never gets the chance to see the actual results of his work. He would like to see the bombs bursting on German factories and shipyards, and the guns which he has cleaned and tended bringing down an enemy fighter. But his reward comes when the gunner, climbing stiffly from his turret in the morning, tells him that the Brownings worked perfectly, or when the observer reports that the bombs dropped without a hitch.



Flying at times less than 100ft from the ground a strong force of Blenheim aircraft of the R.A.F. Bomber Command delivered a daylight attack upon two great power stations near Cologne on August 12. One of the targets was Fortuna Power Station and this photograph shows how the pilots flew their aircraft almost at ground level to press home the attack. Photo shows a general view of bomb bursts on the target photographed from an attacking aircraft.

IRAN'S CABINET RECONSTITUTED

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

SEVEN NEW Ministers are included in the reconstituted Iranian Cabinet which the Prime Minister, Mr. Foroughi, presented to Parliament.

The remaining four Ministers were in the make-shift Cabinet formed after the cessation of Persian military resistance, and the most important of the new Ministers are:—

Foreign Affairs: Ali Sohani, formerly Minister of the Interior and one-time Ambassador to Kabul;

War: General Ahmed Nakhjavan, whom the Shah dismissed from the War Ministry and threw into prison when the cease-fire order was given;

Interior: General Amanollah Jahanbani, who was educated in Russia and whom the Shah two years ago, in a moment of rage, dismissed from the Ministry of Industry and deprived of his generalship;

Education: Dr. Issa Sadiq, educated at Cambridge, Paris and Columbia University.

The new Cabinet is regarded as politically strong. The two emissaries, sent by the Government to the ex-Shah at Isfahan, have now returned bearing a letter in which the ex-Shah cedes all his property in Iran to the Iranian people.

HE STILL RETAINS HIS ENORMOUS WEALTH DEPOSITED IN FOREIGN BANKS, MOSTLY IN AMERICA, AND THIS IS ESTIMATED BY SOME IRANIANS TO TOTAL NEARLY £45,000,000. —REUTER.

GREETINGS TO THE KING OF GREECE

Their Majesties the King and Queen drove to Euston Station to meet King George of Greece on his arrival in London last night.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent, Mr. Winston Churchill, Mr. Anthony Eden, and other members of Government were also present. A large crowd welcomed the Greek King with cheers. —Reuter.

NAVAL REPAIRS IN U.S.

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT ANNOUNCED THAT TWELVE BRITISH WARSHIPS, INCLUDING THREE BATTLESHIPS, HAVE BEEN IN UNITED STATES PORTS, IN ADDITION TO THOSE MENTIONED A DAY OR TWO AGO.

All twelve have now left again. They were the battleships Resolution, Malaya and Rodney, the auxiliaries, Canton, Southern Prince, Montclair, Bulolo and Launia, the corvettes Tulip and Clarkia, the destroyer Richmond and the armed merchant cruiser Aurania. —Reuter.

18B Prisoners Stay Another Year

THE GOVERNMENT took power yesterday to hold for another year 762 people detained under Defence Regulation 18B.

This was the effect of a motion moved in the House of Commons by the Under-Secretary to the Home Office.

The whole operation of the Emergency Powers Act is extended for one year.

The Under-Secretary said: "It is a great pain and grief to me that I am not able to give M.P.s the detailed information upon which these people have been detained."

"But they will see that where you are detaining persons without charge, it is unfair to pass on to anyone the grounds of suspicion, for it is only suspicion upon which they are being held."

Foreign Control

Altogether, 1,779 orders for detention had been made.

Of the 762 still detained, 292 were members of organisations subject to foreign influence.

Mr. Lees-Smith (Soc., Kebley) said: "It is not a criminal offence to have been a Fascist, though you may be a potential danger in time of war."

"They are not the kind of people we want to have wandering about in time of invasion. That is why this special power is necessary."

Why In Prison?

Mr. Maxton (I.L.P., Bridgton) said of the case against Captain Ramsey, M.P.: "I have read the thing fairly closely and I can see nothing in the evidence that leads me to think that he ought to be shut in a prison. (Laughter.)"

"I cannot see any evidence that this man was a danger to the general safety and security of the realm."

Mr. Maxton said one man was twelve months in gaol before he got to the tribunal. Immediately he came before the tribunal they recommended his release.

BABIES IN A TRUNK

WHEN EVA KIRBY, AGED 28, CHARWOMAN OF WALCOTT STREET, HULL, WAS SENTENCED TO 10 MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT AT YORK ASSIZES ON THE CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER OF HER FEMALE CHILD, IT WAS STATED THAT CHILDREN PLAYING IN AN EMPTY HOUSE FOUND THE BODIES OF THREE BABIES IN A TRUNK.

Kirby, who formerly lived in the house, said she put the baby concerned in the charge in the trunk when she found it was dead, but denied any knowledge of the other two.

The police described her as a quiet, inoffensive woman very fond of children.

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TANKS FOR RUSSIA DRIVE: M. MAISKY SEES ENTHUSIASM

THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR to Britain, M. Maisky, visited tank factories in the Midlands yesterday to receive the first tanks in the "Tanks for Russia Week."

Madame Maisky named the first tank which was of the Valentine type "Stalin."

The Ambassador expressed gratitude for "these very excellent machines" on behalf of himself, his country and people and more particularly "on behalf of those brave Red Army men who will man these tanks in the battle-field."

He said they would not rust in idleness.

Immediately following the ceremony, the tanks rumbled off to the docks on the first stage of their journey to Russia. On some tanks nearing completion were painted or chalked the names of Karl Marx, Lenin, Timoshenko, Budenny and Voroshilov.

One tank almost ready for delivery already bore these words "Moscow here I come."

Rush 'Em For Russia

As soon as the Ambassador's train pulled into Midlands' station, M. Maisky saw two Valentine tanks one flying the Union Jack and the other the Red Flag.

They were covered with posters announcing "Tanks for Russia—Every Second counts."

Touring the factory the Ambassador saw slogans such as "Another one for Joe," and "Rush 'em for Russia."

The workmen told the Ambassador that they were working 66½ hours a week to turn out weapons for Russia. The first factory visited had a Red Flag fluttering from the roof.

"It looks to me a very efficient factory," said M. Maisky, "and the reception we got was very enthusiastic."

Great Inspiration

He noticed all slogans and Russian names printed on the sides of the tanks "and this was a great inspiration to me. I know the Midlands as a very great and active industrial centre and I am not surprised at the great production going on."

"We are satisfied that the workers are doing their best to turn out tanks for Russia and they seem very enthusiastic. We want these tanks to get to Russia as soon as possible and we want as many as you can send. We will use all of them and in any quantities."

Record Increase Likely

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"More tanks," they chorused. Madame Maisky, in this factory, named three Valentine tanks. "Molotov," "Timoshenko" and "Budenny"—Reuter.

"WRENS" PREFER MEN

When Sir Francis Fremantle (Con. St. Albans) questioned the Financial Secretary to the Admiralty about the use of women medical officers in the Navy, the Financial Secretary said that the W.R.N.S. was recently circularised on the matter, and only 2½ per cent. had expressed a wish to have women doctors. (Cheers and laughter.)

"That shows how reactionary the Navy is," called out Dr. Edith Summerskill.

Tripoli Shipping Attacked

A series of successful attacks have been made on enemy shipping in the region of Tripoli, states the R.A.F. Middle East communiqué.

In one of these attacks, carried out by bombers of the Royal Air Force, one large schooner received several direct hits and the crew immediately abandoned the ship which was left a mass of flames.

Another schooner, after being hit, blew up with such terrific force that one of our aircraft

VICEROY OF INDIA'S TERM EXTENDED

It is officially announced in London that the term of office of the Viceroy of India, Lord Linlithgow, has been extended for a further period, until April 1943.—Reuter.

making the attack was destroyed by the blast.

On September 20, one heavily-laden merchant ship off Kerkenna was bombed, set on fire and left sinking. An enemy destroyer off Tripoli was successfully attacked.

Benghazi was raided on the night of September 20/21 by heavy bombers of the R.A.F., several hits being scored on the central and outer moles. From these operations, two of our aircraft are missing.—Reuter.

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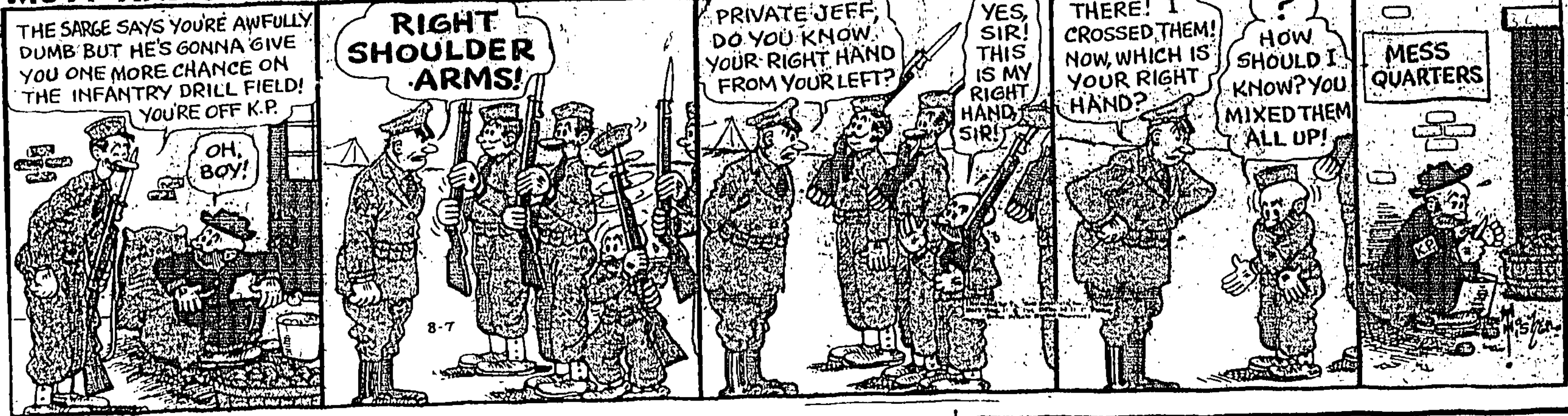
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PETAIN'S INSULT TO FRANCE

The first New York press comment on Marshal Petain's broadcast on Sunday is biting condemnation of the speech which a writer in the newspaper, "P.M.," calls "a blot on the history of France's leadership."

It adds "He insulted the French people. No-one need wonder any more. The second battle for France is the fight against France's Fuehrer, Petain, as well as against Hitler. "Petain should take a look at France's history. He would find out that it is French tradition to attack the enemies of France and to fight against tyranny." — Reuter.

GRAND MUFTI IN JAPANESE LEGATION

The Cairo newspaper, "Al Mokattam," cites a "reliable source" for a report from Teheran that the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem has been found at the Japanese Legation at Teheran. — Reuter.

Menace Of The Old School Tie

THE GREATEST menace to Britain is the continuance of the old school tie predominance in politics, according to Captain Cunningham-Reid, ex-Varsity man and Conservative M.P. for St. Marylebone.

Captain Cunningham-Reid, an "old boy" of University College, London, and Clare College, Cambridge, said this in the House of Commons when he made a slashing attack on the activities of the Whips' Office.

A practice had developed, he said that overlooked inefficiency providing the offender conformed to the standard of the "Margesson school"—a system whereby the discipline of Government Ministers and supporters was controlled by the Whips.

The Chief Whip was not likely to recommend to the Prime Minister of the day that some brilliant stormy petrel with the strength of his convictions should be given a Government appointment.

That was why the present Prime Minister, Lord Beaverbrook and, he understood, the late Lord Rothermere were constantly ex-

cluded from succeeding Governments.

The Whips Office, being the main stepping-stone to all other Government appointments, was it surprising that many key positions were held by "jolly good fellows" whose ability was indifferent?

Break Up Old Boys

There were first-class men in the House who did not conform to these conventions.

No man worked harder to keep the present Prime Minister out of office than Captain Margesson, who was Chief Whip for many years.

"It is very difficult," added Captain Cunningham-Reid, "to teach old dogs new tricks, and only a few of these old dogs are likely to learn new tricks. Fresh minds with new tricks are likely to win this war."

Is it not time that the Baldwin-Chamberlain old boys' re-union was broken up and replaced by all and sundry, regardless of the colour of their ties, providing they are of outstanding ability in their own particular sphere and possess the necessary, thoroughness and ruthlessness to better the Hun?

COMPOSER SALVAGE MAN

DR. R. VAUGHAN WILLIAMS, O.M., THE COMPOSER, IS COLLECTING SALVAGE IN DORKING, SURREY, WHERE HE LIVES.

Grimy with dirt and perspiration, he goes round streets with a refuse lorry calling at houses to collect waste paper, bottles, bones, old iron—a replica of Syd Walker.

In Dorking, an organisation has been formed called "The Volunteer Salvage Corps." Dr. Vaughan Williams was one of the first recruits. The corps started work recently.

Each volunteer collects salvage three hours a week (from 6 to 9 p.m.), each street being visited regularly on the same evening every week.

The local Urban Council supply lorries and old drivers; the salvage collectors are volunteers.

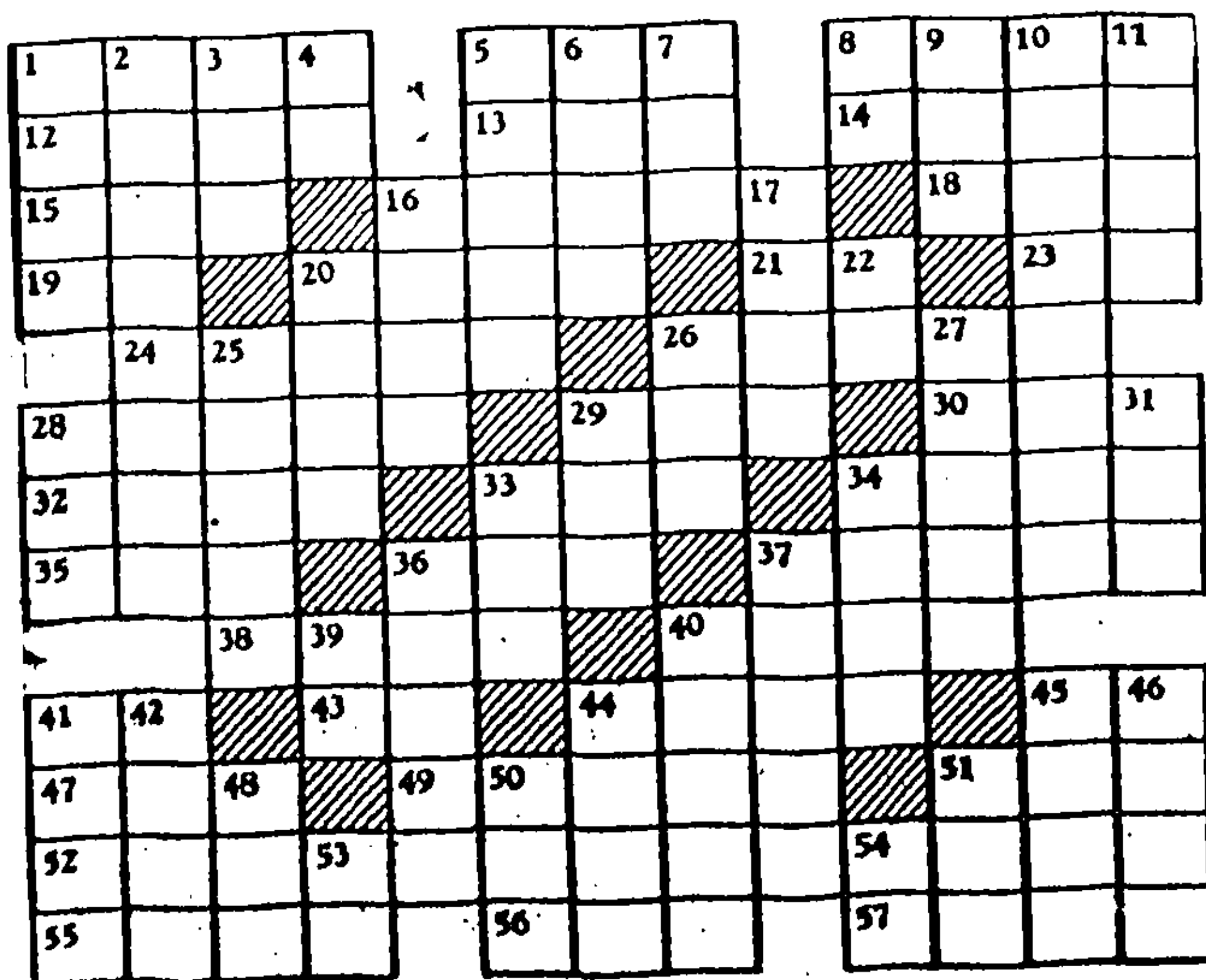
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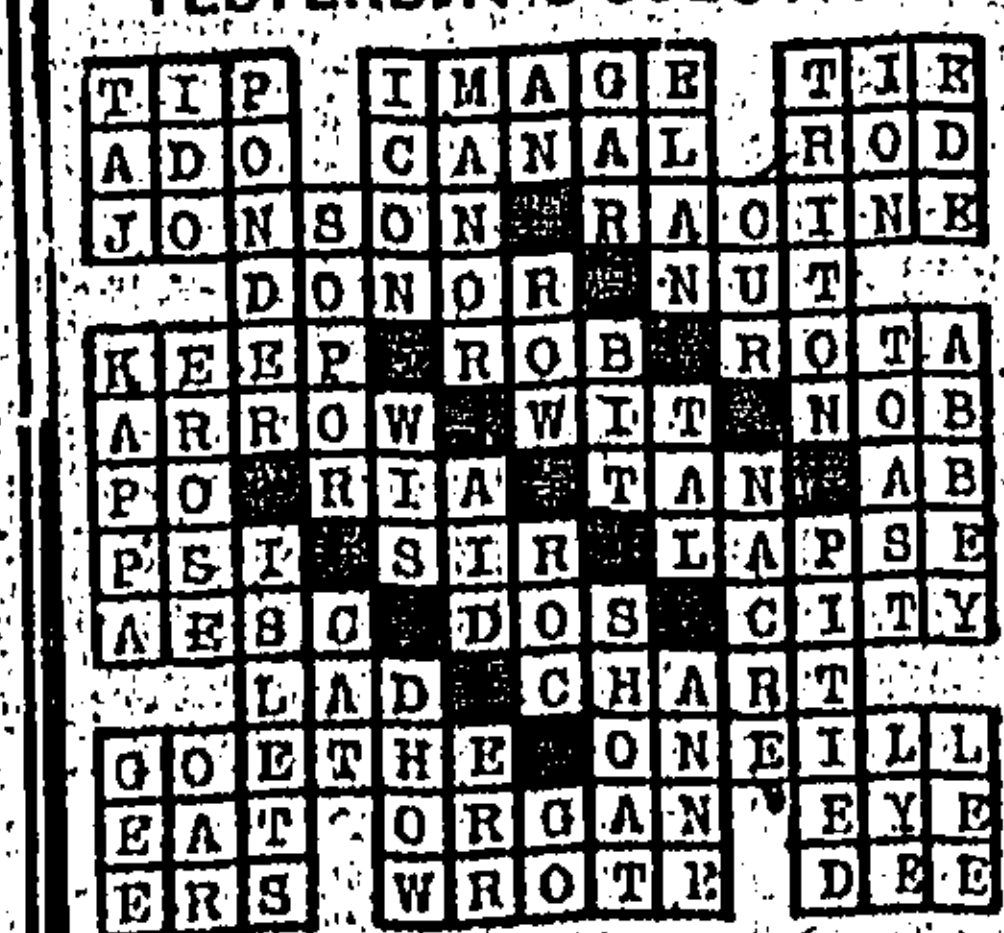
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Arabian seaport
- 5 Craze
- 6 Scandinavian plar-migan
- 12 Cuban drink
- 13 Former Turkish officer
- 14 Palm
- 15 Worm
- 16 Small fragment
- 18 Head organ
- 19 Ninety
- 20 Openwork fabric
- 21 Cooled lava
- 23 Not any
- 24 Stout
- 26 Place of meeting
- 28 Thick soup
- 29 To abet
- 30 Woodland deity
- 32 Burden
- 33 To be obliged to
- 34 Pink
- 35 Pronoun
- 36 Fruit drink
- 37 Parallelogram
- 38 Gargantuan
- 40 To look slyly
- 41 Note of scale
- 43 Colloquial father
- 44 Wind instrument

VERTICAL

- 1 Summit
- 2 To disregard
- 3 Being
- 4 Symbol for sodium
- 5 Light
- 6 Dramatic composition
- 8 Chills and fever
- 7 Water barrier
- 8 Sun god
- 9 Frozen water

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



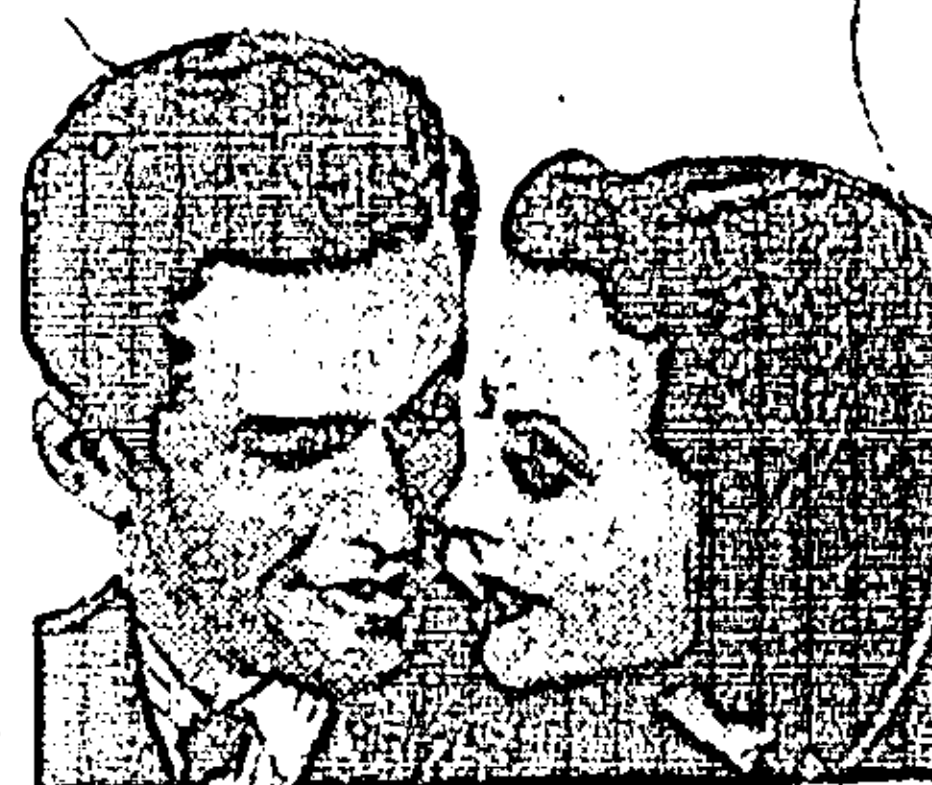
HORIZONTAL

- 10 Illusory appearance
- 11 Colloquial: air vehicle
- 16 Instance
- 17 Poet
- 20 Dregs
- 22 Cry of sorrow
- 25 Skirmish
- 26 To equal
- 27 Humorous: ghost
- 28 Hawaiian food
- 29 Fear
- 31 Bird's beak
- 33 Poem
- 34 Daughter of Uranus
- 35 Golden-breasted trumpeter
- 37 Ancient musical instrument
- 39 Above
- 40 Rhythmic beating of the arteries
- 41 Fraud
- 42 Isles off Elre
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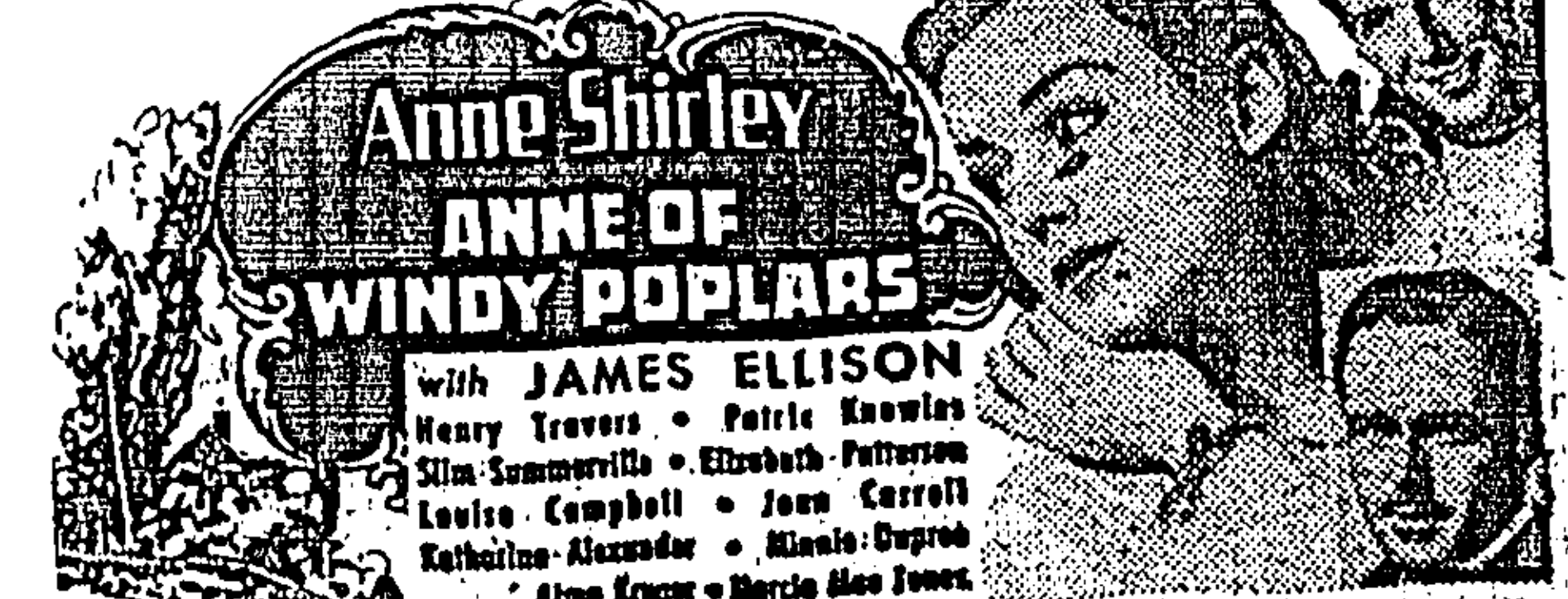
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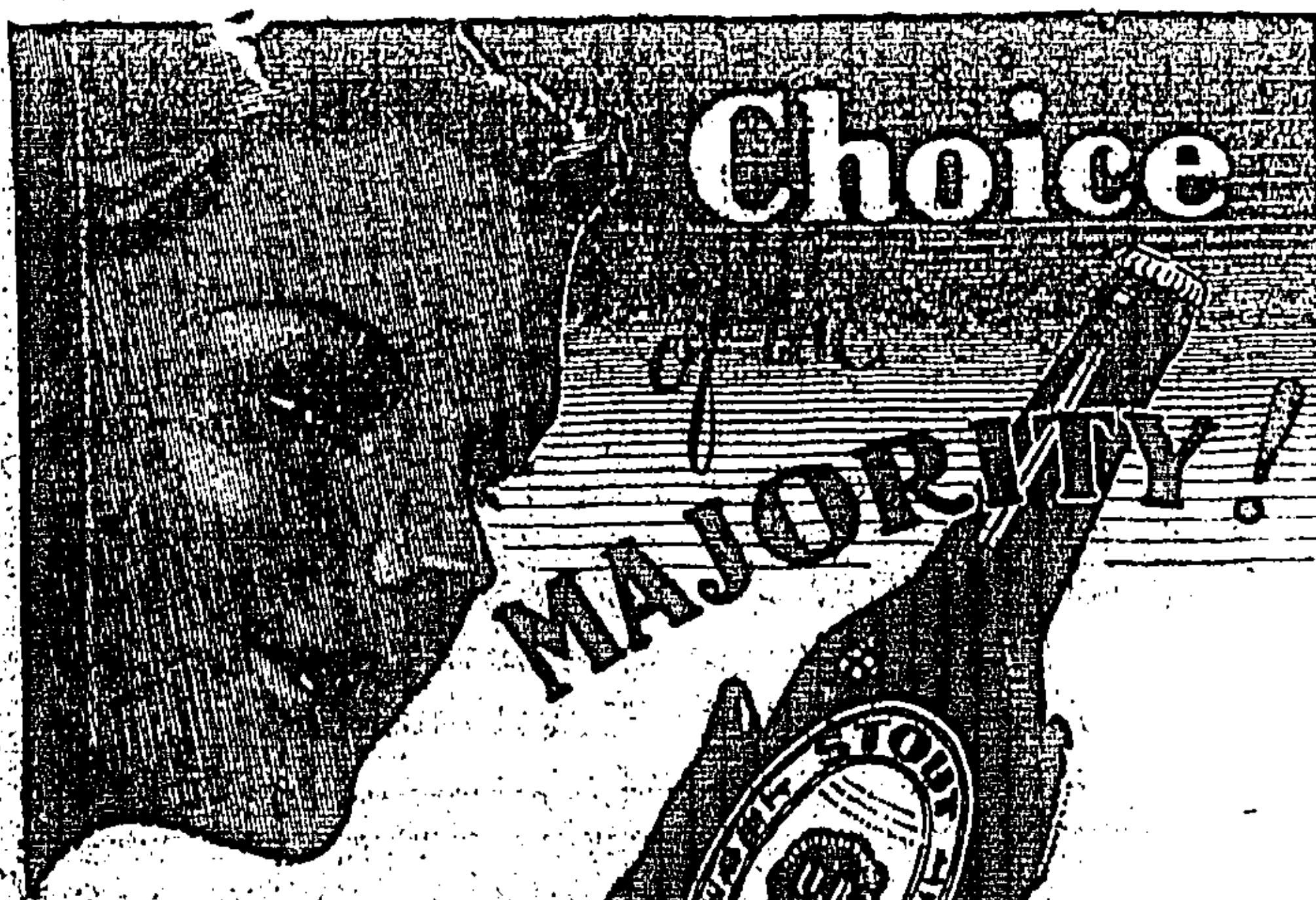
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REDS FACE DEATH WITHOUT APPEAL

VICHY SETS UP COURTS TO DEAL WITH SABOTEURS

(By John Elliott)

SPURRED TO ACTION by a series of acts of violence in the occupied and unoccupied zones culminating in the assassination of a colonel of the German Army in the Paris subway, the government of Marshal Henri Petain has decided on a number of drastic measures to repress "communist and anarchist" agitation.

The "Journal Officiel" announced on August 23 the setting-up of special sections of military courts to deal with the situation.

These special tribunals are empowered by the decree to "act quickly and strike severely" the "Marxist propagandists" and can impose the death penalty.

FRENCH MOOD OF DISTRUST

Although reports of intensified anti-German movements throughout occupied Europe may mostly be attributed to the feeling that German strength has been switched eastwards and to the fact that in many areas Italian troops are replacing the German occupation forces, news of anti-Petain and anti-German disturbances in Paris is interesting.

Brittany has hitherto been the only province of France where sabotage and even attacks on Germans have been noted on anything like the scale of some other occupied countries.

Sporadic movements in France must not be exaggerated, for the impression most neutral travellers get is one of resignation and pre-occupation with individual interests.

Many Frenchmen are making fortunes by collaboration. Nearly every one has relatives who are prisoners. There is a lack of realisation that the last thing the Darlan Government wants is the release of the prisoners, who are rightly suspected of not being enthusiastic collaborators for the new order.

Discourtesy To Strangers

Most people who have been in France confirm the violent anti-foreign feeling there, and general discourtesy to travellers. The French, however, always show xenophobia in times of trouble, as in the 1923 catastrophic fall of the franc, when British and American tourists who were bringing good money into the country were booed and stoned.

In France, as in French North Africa, one gets black looks if heard speaking a foreign language, or even French with a foreign accent, but in fairness one must say that this attitude applies to other peoples.

AIR-RAID SHELTER POPULATION DROPS

An official census showed that 104,000 persons made use of public air-raid shelters in London during July while 550,000 used domestic shelters.

This compared with a record total of 470,200 persons using public shelters and 2,134,000 domestic shelters during the height of the air blitz last November.

Only 22,800 took refuge in subways in July as compared with a record of 54,000 in February, the census showed.

From the decisions of these summary courts no appeal will be possible and their sentences will be executed immediately.

Reprisals

In taking this action, the Petain government hopes to avert any repetition of incidents such as might involve wholesale measures of reprisal by the German military authorities against the French civilian population.

For, in a decree General Ernst von Schaumburg, the German military commander of Paris, warned that in the event of any further attacks on German soldiers, Frenchmen held under arrest by the authorities of occupation would be regarded as hostages and a number of them would be executed corresponding to the enormity of the offence.

Means of repression of Communist activities formed the subject of discussion at a Cabinet meeting held with Marshal Petain, presiding. Pierre Pucheu, the newly appointed Minister of the Interior, informed the meeting of the measures taken by the Vichy authorities to repress Communist plots and acts of sabotage and terrorism.

Gesture To Workers

Making a gesture of appeasement toward the working classes to show them that action against Communist is not aimed at the proletariat, the Cabinet decided to prepare a programme of concrete measures to overcome the consequences of the slowing down in industrial activity which has resulted from a lack of raw materials. No indication was given of nature of the program.

While attempting to diminish social discontent, the Petain government means to act pitilessly toward the Communists, whose recent acts it considers as tending to compromise the "national revolution." It is considered at Vichy that the recent series of demonstrations and acts of sabotage against the German troops have been ordered by Moscow, with the object of provoking incidents which would lead to open conflict between the French civilian population and the occupation authorities.

All Paris newspapers published prominently under a two-column head General von Schaumburg's warning to the French civilian population.

The Warning

Commenting, "Let Petit Parisien" said: "This notice is doubtless a last warning to the saboteurs of French unity who are acting for the account of the Soviet and the Anglo-Jewish plutocracy. It reminds Frenchmen, forgetful of the defeat, that the German authorities can take measures much more energetic and severe in regard to the population."

Morcel Dest, writing in the Paris "L'Ouvre" saw machinations of President Roosevelt and American Ambassador William D. Leahy (now on holiday in Switzerland) behind the Communist activities.

Rumours developed that two men had been arrested at Marseilles in connection with the unsolved assassination of Marx Dormoy, who was a Socialist leader under the Third Republic.

WOMEN DIPLOMATS, MUST BE SINGLE

Lord Ponsonby, describing himself as an "expert witness, having served in Constantinople and Copenhagen," told the House of Lords that he was in favour of women diplomats.

"But I have been thwarted by one problem," he said. "The Ambassador's wife can contribute much to the success of his career, but what about the Ambassador's husband?"

"He could wander into the chancellery and make himself a perfect nuisance, and no one could say anything to him."

"You can tell women candidates they must be spinsters, but that would raise another lot of questions, and I think we had better not confuse this complicated question."

BEAT DEATH THRICE

Leading Stoker William Arnold, of Birkenhead, the only rating to escape from the submarine Thetis in Liverpool Bay in 1939, is walking about Cape Town a very worried man.

His death escape on the Thetis does not worry him.

The fact that last year he was torpedoed in the Atlantic does not worry him.

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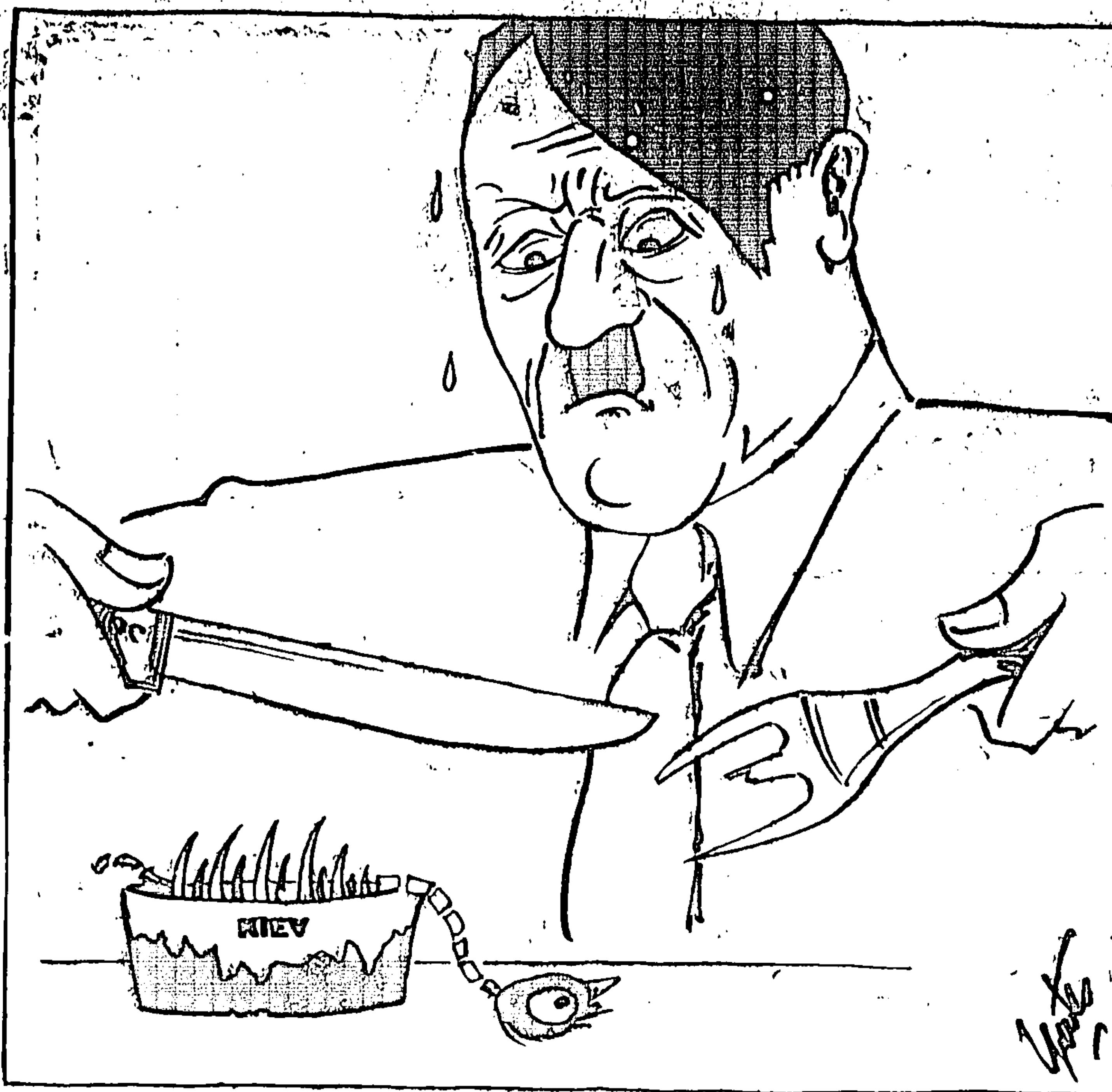
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HITLER CAN BE BEATEN

Three months ago, when gloom was a foot thick—after the fall of Crete, after the conquest of Yugoslavia and Greece, after the reverses in North Africa—it was hard to get a hearing for the opinion that the great fundamentals of moral and material power still lay on Britain's side, and that Hitler would never win this war. To-day, with Germany's best troops deeply embroiled in Russia, a good many of the gloomy prophets of two months ago have turned optimist. But the new confidence which they radiate seems to be based on their belief that Hitler is paying, and will continue to pay, a tremendous price for his Russian gains. If Russian resistance should collapse to-morrow a good many optimists would return to gloom again.

A fresh reminder of some of the fundamental factors on Britain's side—wholly regardless of the result of the German campaign in Russia—comes from the Brookings Institution, whose careful reports, on any question, always repay close study. The present report, a pamphlet published under the title of "A Short War Through Americana Industrial Supremacy," is the work of a French economist and industrialist, Louis Marlio, for ten years chairman of the great International Aluminum Cartel. It is M. Marlio's central thesis that Germany will lose the war because she is already operating at the peak of her industrial capacity and because she lacks both the natural resources and the technical and mechanical means to match the enormously superior production of guns and tanks and planes and ships that will come from the United States. This assertion he supports with data that should be persuasive to the faint-hearted.

He warns, however, that America ought not make the mistake of failing to decide whether she is preparing for a short war or a long war. For they cannot do both effectively at the same time; for example she cannot use steel to build factories to produce more steel a year from now, and still have as much steel for ships and guns in the next twelve months. She ought to be planning deliber-



ASHES IN THE MOUTH

How Nazis Plunder

EVER since Goering invented his famous slogan "Guns or Butter," the Nazis have consistently used food as a political instrument. At a time when growing transport difficulties make it impossible to provide the population with even their meagre rations, food is often deliberately withheld from them—for political reasons.

In districts, for instance, with industries or mineral resources which are essential to the war effort the people receive issues of supplementary rationed food-stuffs, whenever discontent among the works finds expression in a diminished output. On the other hand, the least sign of dissatisfaction in areas not important to war economy is visited by a curtailment of supplies.

This treatment applies in a general way to whole districts, but distinctions are drawn between different categories of workers. The military, of course, receive the best rations, though here, too, a difference is made between fighting troops and occupying forces.

The best-treated class of civilians are workers in the heavy industries and miners. The result of this policy has been to create, within a community which is, generally speaking, ill or underfed, an "aristocracy of feeders," (the phrase has been coined in Germany since the war began) consisting of the pillars of Nazi domination—the SA and SS and those upon whom the Nazis depend for the maintenance of their war economy.

Bait For The Unemployed

On every occupation of a new country free meals are issued for the first few days from army kitchens. This charitable measure is loudly advertised and people are told that the requisite food is sent from Germany. In fact, however, it consists invariably of supplies "requisitioned" from reserves stored up by the occupied localities. As a rule, too, the local authorities subsequently receive fat bills for this "free feeding" of their unemployed.

ately for one war or the other. Which is it to be? In this respect the situation would be more reassuring if there was in Washington a board of higher strategy—with no duties save to consider, on the basis of the best evidence available, the answers to large questions of this kind.

The object of these meals is to win over malcontents in the occupied territories in favour of the occupying forces. As soon as the occupying authorities introduce food rationing, which they do soon after their arrival, a labour recruiting campaign on behalf of Germany is launched among the working classes. The bait offered is the higher ration of food obtainable in Germany. Workers are thereby urged to avoid gradual starvation at home by "voluntarily" escaping to forced labour in Germany. If the bait is de-

By
Joe Mercal

clined, reduced and, if even this fails to produce enough "volunteers," unemployment pay is cut off, leaving men no alternative but to sign on for work in Germany.

Food And "Haute Politique"

In the diplomatic field the Germans appear in agricultural countries as purchasers, before they proceed to overrun the country with their armies. The technique of these purchases is both simple and effective. It worked successfully in Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, and, almost, in Yugoslavia.

In all these countries low world prices were even before the war making it very difficult for farms to earn a living. Germany, who is 100 per cent. self-supporting only in regard to potatoes, had always to buy cereals, oil-seeds etc., and, of course, tobacco, from south-east Europe. If then Berlin planned the military conquest of any of these countries, economic experts were sent on ahead.

These gentlemen offered to buy up the victims' whole surplus crops. For these surpluses the Nazis often paid prices above the world level, not merely in order that agricultural goods, which otherwise might lack a market, could be sold en bloc. Before the Economic Minister of the country concerned had time to give his opinion about these German offers, German wireless stations were already broadcasting Germany's generosity toward the poor Rumanian or Bulgarian farmer.

As a result, the Balkan Economic Ministers were besought by their agricultural interests to accept these German offers. The deal once made, the Germans left the bill unsettled.

The Balkan government was obliged to pay its farmers, without itself receiving the money from Germany. The clearing accounts of the Balkan countries in-

trade with Germany grew larger and larger, the process continuing until their national finances were reduced to chaos. This was the cue for Quislings. The Nazis did not buy up the next year's harvest—at most only an insignificant part of it. The result was disaster.

Food As Propaganda

France was and still is being black-mailed by a threat to retain French prisoners of war or only to release them in small dribbles in exchange for concessions. France, one of the richest wheat-growing countries in Europe, is starving for lack of labourers to till the soil and because her seed is being carried off by the Germans. Seed can be obtained from Morocco, but there can be no adequate cultivation until the prisoners are returned. French prisoners of war are compelled to work in German fields.

Food is everywhere used by the Germans as propaganda. In the middle of March photographs appeared in all the Belgian papers showing potatoes being unloaded in Antwerp. The German caption to these photographs was as follows: "Germany sends food to Belgium." Oddly enough, Belgian potatoes were on sale at the same time at Aachen and Herbesthal (on the German-Belgian frontier), a fact which is not so odd when it is remembered that Belgium, short as she was of many food-stuffs, always produced a surplus of potatoes. The Belgians are not deceived by this form of propaganda.

Defensive Measures By The Czechs

Naturally, the inhabitants of the occupied territories are protecting themselves against the use of food as a weapon of war. For these various countries are producers as well as consumers. In Denmark pigs and cattle have been slaughtered in secret on a large scale; the meat was sold on the black markets of the towns.

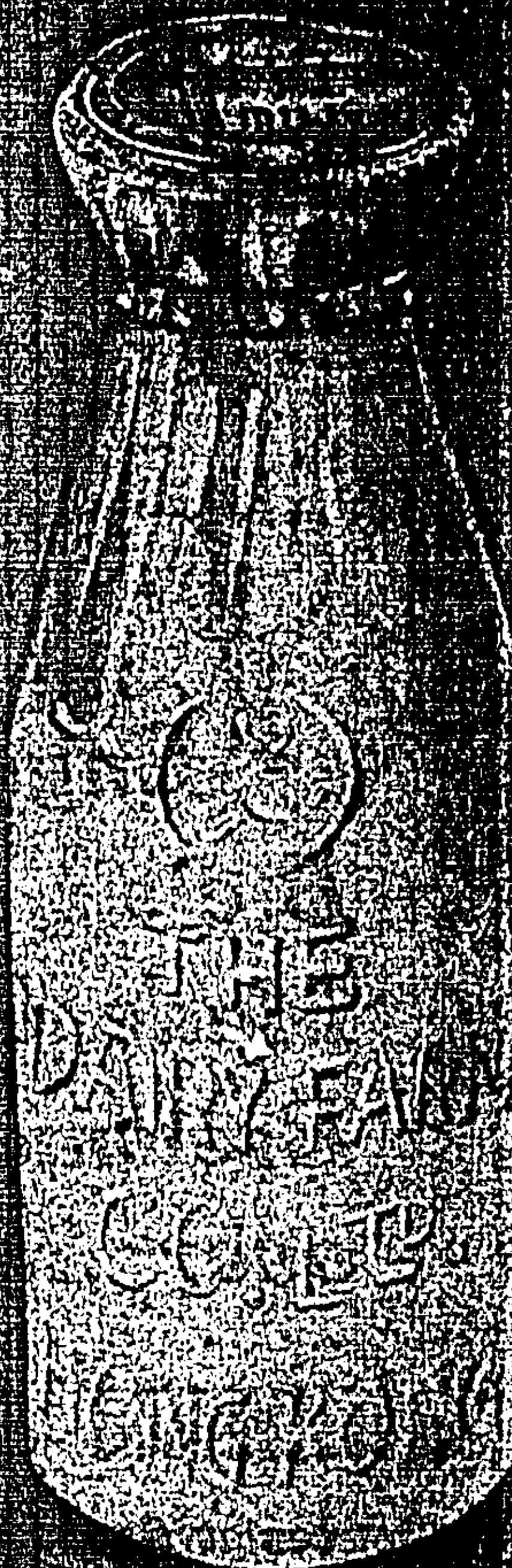
In the district of Iglau (Bohemia) the Nazis were faced with a strike by Czech cows: over a period during which German cows yielded 17,000 litres of milk, Czech cows in the same area produced only 10,000 litres.

When Baron von Neurath went on leave last December, he took with him to Germany no fewer than twenty-seven crates of food. This did not prevent him on his return from publishing an article in a new periodical "Bohemia and Moravia," declaring that the Protectorate was dependent for food upon the Reich. This is true in so far as there is available in the Protectorate only what the Nazis do not remove. But the Czechs are on their guard. For food has become an instrument of war.

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MR. CORDELL HULL'S statement favouring repeal of the Neutrality Act is seen in Washington as the first shot in a campaign to get Congress to repeal what has now become a most hampering measure in connection with the development of the Administration's policy of aid to all countries fighting Hitlerism.

Its repeal would enable the President not only to arm merchantmen, but to send them into so-called combat zones.

The American Navy can protect British and other foreign ships crossing the Atlantic, and shoot at German craft on sight, but cannot escort American merchantmen in those same waters.

Many Americans see in this an absurd anachronism.

Moreover, there is feeling in some circles that it is an even greater anachronism to send American-owned and operated ships to places like Iceland and under the flag of Panama and that they should not be sailing under their own colours.

Mr. Hull's views carry much weight, out in the country and in Congress, where already there is apparently a movement towards repeal of the Neutrality Act.

No Shots Yet

Replying to a question yesterday, Colonel Knox, Secretary of the Navy, said no shooting had been reported to the Navy Department since President Roosevelt's shoot on sight order. He added that the Navy's air programme was on schedule. The Navy was getting plenty of engines and planes which were the best in the world in each category.

The Hull Statement

Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, indicated in Washington yesterday that he favoured revision of the Neutrality Act.

Mr. Hull recalled that when the 1935 Act was passed he had said that it was as likely to get the United States into war as keep the United States out of war.

Deletion of the arms embargo from that Act, Mr. Hull made it clear, was not sufficient to clear the way for aid to Britain.

Asked whether there was undue pessimism regarding the plight of Russia, Mr. Hull said that from the way the Russians were fighting there does not seem to be any pessimism over there.

Mr. Hull also said that diplomatic negotiations were continuing in the effort to work out a settlement between Peru and Ecuador.

Congress Discussion

According to a Dow Jones Agency message, Mr. Cordell Hull made it clear at the press conference that he favoured revision of the Neutrality Act.

The Secretary for State indicated that he had discussed the revision or repeal of the Act with Congressional leaders as a means of furthering aid to Britain.

Self-Defence

Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary for State, told newspapermen yesterday in Washington that he had tried for some time to indicate that he believed that the Neutrality Act should be changed but he declined to predict whether or when a repeal might be expected.

He declared that the Lease and Lend Act was based primarily on the doctrine of self-defence and it provided a way to go further as the necessities of defence increased.—Reuter.

VANGUARD OF VICTORY

COPIES OF "THE VANGUARD OF VICTORY," OFFICIAL BOOK ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN CAMPAIGN IN EAST AFRICA, ARE BEING SENT BY FIELD MARSHAL SMUTS TO MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, QUEEN WILHELMINA, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, THE PRIME MINISTERS OF OTHER DOMINIONS, THE VICEROY OF INDIA, AND COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF OF THE BRITISH ARMED FORCES. IT WAS LEARNED IN PRETORIA YESTERDAY.

Mr. Churchill's copy will be accompanied by the following Message from Field Marshal Smuts: "You said to Mussolini: 'We will tear your empire to shreds and tatters.'"

"South African forces have helped in doing so. I am sending you this booklet telling you how we did it."

To Queen Wilhelmina, Field Marshal Smuts says: "My dearest wish is that the glorious victories of our sons and daughters, worthy descendants of two great freedom loving peoples, may also be the forerunner of the eventual liberation of your Fatherland."

Field Marshal Smuts sent a copy of the book with a personal message to every South African who participated in the campaign and Mrs. Smuts is sending a copy with a message to the relatives of every casualty in the campaign.—Reuter.

ON LEAVE IN STATELY HOMES

NAVAL MEN ASHORE ON SHORT LEAVE MAY SOON FIND THEMSELVES DOMICILED FOR A WHILE IN ONE OR OTHER OF THE "STATELY HOMES OF ENGLAND."

Capt. R. W. Blacklock, a liaison officer on the welfare side, told a Royal Society of Arts audience that the Admiralty was taking over country houses, to which ratings could go for 48 hours' complete rest while their ships are in port for refit. Sailors' societies will manage these hostels.

The Admiralty is also requisitioning various buildings, and sailors' societies and philanthropic places for naval personnel.

STEAM LAUNDRY DISPUTE SETTLED

All workers employed by the Steam Laundry Company reported for work this morning, despite a threat to strike unless two dismissed employees were reinstated. According to the Secretary of the Company, no trouble is expected.

23 DAYS IN OPEN BOAT

Eighty-two passengers from a British liner sunk by an enemy sea raider in the South Atlantic, sailed 1,500 miles in an open boat—an exploit believed to be without precedent.

When they reached land after twenty-three days, only thirty-eight people remained alive.

An unnamed naval officer, who was one of the passengers, told the story of their ordeal in a broadcast recently.

The officer found himself in a lifeboat in which were sixty-four Indians and eighteen Europeans, of whom thirteen Europeans and twenty-five Indians survived when Brazil was reached.

Drank Salt Water

"We worked out that we could only have a third of a dipper of water each a day—a little less than an eggcup full—one biscuit each, and two tins of condensed milk divided among us," he said. "After the second day most of us were unable to swallow our daily biscuit, and only had milk and water, until we soaked biscuits in rain water."

"A number of the Indians drank salt water during the first few days, despite warnings. They eventually died."

"We were soon all covered with salt water sores and boils."

"It was impossible to sit, lie or even stand in comfort, owing to overcrowding of the boat, and we took it in turn to lie down for an hour on a thwart."

Fed By Natives

"After about ten days the hardship and privation began to tell, and each day three or four persons died."

"We had no charts and our only aid to navigation was a compass, but we usually steered by sun or stars. Our navigation was not a great deal out, for we sighted land when we expected to, after travelling 1,535 miles."

"We grounded in a small bay, and set off to wade 250 yards in shallow water to shore."

"Native fishermen fed us with native farinha—a meal made from roots and fish—an never has food tasted so good."

PRETTY GIRLS WITH A LOAD OF PROPOSALS

When six of the 18 mannequins who have been displaying British fashions in the salons of South American cities arrived at Euston, four became officially engaged on the station platform to the fiances they left behind in January.

In the course of the tour the girls selected for beauty, grace and charm were inundated with proposals of marriage from Americans and South Americans of every rank and position in New York, Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro.

One of them, Miss Anne Trent, said she had 24 offers of marriage.

The other five girls were Miss Irene Brown, Miss Ann Davison, Miss Dolores Stephenson, Miss Peggy March, and Miss Vivien Bowden.

DEALINGS IN SLEEPERS FOR A.R.P.

K. C. LEUNG, who described himself as the proprietor of the Kin Wah Company, giving evidence at the A.R.P. inquiry to-day, stated that some time ago he made an offer to sell a quantity of sleepers to Marsman's. Though the latter rejected the offer on the grounds that the sleepers were not suitable, they later bought some from the same lot that had been offered them from the Tai Lee Company.

Leung was testifying before the Commission conducting the inquiry into matters in connection with the Air Raid Precaution Architectural Department, this morning's session being held in the Puisne Judge's Court.

Leung, in answer to the chairman, Mr. Justice P. F. F. Cressall, said that his company were import and export merchants, and further stated that prior to July 31, 1941, he was business manager of the National Development and Finance Corporation.

Chairman: When was that Company formed? — The preparations to form that Company began in July 1939 and the Company was formed, and business commenced, on July 1, 1940.

What was it formed for? — In connection with finance.

Did you ever buy any sleepers? — Yes.

When? — On July 16, 1940, we purchased 210,000 pieces.

You purchased those from Jardine Matheson's? — We bought them from Jardine Engineering.

And they were acting on behalf of the Chinese Government? — Yes.

Two Lots

How much did you pay for them? — We bought them in two lots. Of these 70,000 were selected and we paid \$2.90 each. The balance of 140,000 were not selected and the price was \$2.70.

Who did you sell those sleepers to? — To more than 20 firms, all of whom were timber merchants.

Can you mention some of them? — Yes, Kwong Hing bought 50,000 pieces, Lun Sang 3,500 and Ho Fuk-cho 15,000. I am now telling you of the big deals, but there were a number of small dealers which I do not think I need mention as there are so many of them.

You ever sold to Kin Lee? — Not from this lot.

I am not speaking of this particular lot. You ever sold to Kin Lee? — Yes.

You sold 10,000 pieces for \$43,000? — No, \$43,000 was the cost price. We sold for \$52,000.

Did you ever sell to Marsman's? — No.

The National Development and Finance Corporation never sold to Marsman's? — No.

Did you ever approach Mr. Marsman of Marsman's about the sale of sleepers? — Yes.

Marsman Reply

What happened? — We wrote to Marsman's and received a reply to the effect that the sleepers were not fit for A.R.P. work.

What happened then? — May I explain, sir? The National Development and Finance Corporation bought 210,000 Oregon pine sleepers. These were fitted only for making gasoline boxes. At that time there was a great demand for these boxes, and as financiers, we were approached by a lot of small dealers to buy up the stock. After this we bought 98,000 hardwood sleepers. At first we approached Marsman's and also Mr. Steele-Perkins and the reply was that

the sleepers were not fitted for A.R.P. work.

Witness then produced a letter from the Director of Air Raid Precautions who suggested that he should take the matter up with Marsman's. This they did, quoting \$2.90 per piece for hardwood sleepers and \$3.20 for Oregon pine sleepers.

Did you sell any to Marsman's? — We did not sell to them direct.

Trial Offence

Do you know whether Marsman's bought any? — They offered to buy 2,000 pieces from us as a trial order but we stated the lot was too small. After this we sold 80,000 pieces to Tai Lee and we turned the order for 2,000 pieces over to them.

Were those some of the sleepers you had previously offered to Marsman's and they had stated they could not use them? — Yes.

Had you offered the same to Kin Lee? — I don't know anything of Kin Lee.

Marsman's informed you by letter that they found the size of the sleepers unsuitable for tunnel work? — Yes.

And you subsequently sold to Tai Lee? — Yes.

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Views of Admiral Sir Edward Evans when he pleaded with South Wales miners recently for a "coal blitz."

SPIRIT OF A CITY

Revealing the spirit of Manchester in a recorded broadcast overseas, the Lord Mayor of Manchester (Ald. R. G. Edwards) instances the birth of a baby in a candle-lit cellar, with bombs falling around and water pouring in.

To the United States, Alderman Edwards said: "You Manchesters in the New World who bear our name can be proud of the Manchesters of the O.D."

"We in turn are deeply grateful to you for the practical help and evidence of goodwill which you send us in growing measure across the ocean."

"We have many of our public buildings completely destroyed, churches and chapels wrecked, and the homes of our citizens and all their possessions reduced to a heap of rubble."

"But we are fortunate in being endowed with a generous measure of grit and Lancashire humour."

FIGHTER CAME DOWN IN EIRE

THE PILOT ESCAPED TO BE MARRIED

JUST OVER A year ago Flying-Officer Paul Mayhew, son of Sir Basil Mayhew, of Felthorpe Hall, Norwich, took off in his fighter to meet Nazi bombers attacking Liverpool.

He had just become married to Miss Monica Stancliffe, daughter of Canon Stancliffe, of Grantham. They originally hoped to get married this July.

A fierce fight carried Mayhew far out to sea. His petrol ran short, and he was forced to land in Eire. He became the first internee of the camp at the Curragh—Eire Army G.H.Q.

Mayhew is now back in England. He has been married although Miss Stancliffe stated: "I had given up all hope of getting married till the war was over."

Mayhew is one of the nine R.A.F. internees who escaped recently from the Curragh. Three of them were caught. The other six are all believed to have reached England.

It was not Mayhew's first bid for freedom. He was one of three R.A.F. men who got away about four months ago.

When only about 10 miles from the camp they asked the way to Dublin, but the postman who told them became suspicious of their "brogue." He reported them to the local Garda, and they were caught.

The last time the reporter saw

Mayhew was in the tiny church near the camp one Sunday morning service.

In the pew in front of Mayhew and some of his colleagues sat three German Air Force officers, also internees.

Mayhew's younger brother, an Oxford Rugby Blue, went to France with the R.A.M.C. early in the war as a Christian Pacifist and non-combatant.

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Saturday, 27th September, 1941.

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.50 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets \$1 each, will be held on this race but "All through" numbers will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,

S. A. SLEAP,

Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 20th Sept., 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920.)

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

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BRIDGE NOTES

POSTPONING A FINESSE

By The Four Aces

It doesn't always pay to take a finesse, especially when it is thrust upon you by the opponents. In to-day's hand South postponed such a finesse, knowing she could take it later on if necessary.

South, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

NORTH

♠ Q 7 3 2
♥ A J 6
♦ K Q 7
♣ A Q 7

WEST

♠ 9 5
♥ 10 8 7 3
♦ J 8 5
♣ 9 8 5 4

EAST

♠ A 6
♥ K 9 6 4
♦ 10 6 4 2
♣ K J 10

SOUTH

♠ K J 10 8 4
♥ Q 2
♦ A 9 3
♣ 6 3 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	Last
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the four of clubs, and South was tempted to finesse the club Queen. But after a moment's reflection he resisted the temptation. Instead he put up the club Ace. Later on, if West got a chance to lead another club, South would still have a chance to try for a trick with the club Queen. But that would be unnecessary if West never again got the lead.

South's next step was to knock out East's trump Ace, and East hopefully returned a diamond.

East could not gainfully return clubs, and trying to get his partner on lead for another club return. But West couldn't get the lead, and dummy won with a high diamond and returned a trump. Next South led the Queen of hearts, losing the finesse to East's King.

Again East couldn't gainfully lead clubs, so he returned a heart. And dummy's extra high heart allowed South to discard a club. Thus South was able to limit his loss to one club, one heart, and one trump.

Now see what would have happened if South had finessed dummy's club Queen at the first trick. East would have won with the club King and returned the club Jack. Later on East would have gained the lead with the trump Ace to cash the club ten. He would then exit safely with the small trump and wait for his heart trick. South would then lose two clubs, a heart and a trump.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q J 7
♥ K 9
♦ J 10 8 5 4
♣ Q 2

The bidding:

Schenck	You	Mater	Jacoby
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	Pass	Pass	2♦
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Pass. Your partner's bid is not particularly strong, and you have a minimum opening bid. Chances for game are rather slim.

Score 100% for pass, 50% for two no-trump, 40% for three diamonds, 20% for two hearts.

Question No. 328

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenck	You	Mater	Jacoby
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	Pass	Pass	2♦
Pass	Pass	2♠	3♠
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer

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South African squadrons, recently arrived from their triumphs in Abyssinia and Italian Africa, swell the numbers of those who have come from the Dominions and the Colonies to the desert wastes of North Africa. Besides squadrons from Home here are Rhodesians, Australians, New Zealanders and Canadians, together with numbers of Free Frenchmen. Altogether they build up a formidable team and, in the Western Desert as in other theatres of war in the Middle East, they have proved more than

a match for their German and Italian foes.

The deeds of the Australian fighters in the first Libyan campaign need no recalling; and it was a New Zealand pilot who played a great part in shooting down a big Italian bomber during a daylight raid over Alexandria and who is now looked upon by his colleagues as "having the knack" of shooting down Messerschmitts.

Free Frenchmen made a gallant contribution to the aerial defence of Tobruk, and it was a Canadian who, while on reconnaissance, ground-strafed with great success one hundred Junkers lined up "wing tip to wing up" on a Libyan aerodrome. I ring the German push a Rhodesian shot down the first Me.110. Now the South Africans are actively at work adding to this effort.

ARMY STUDS PUNCTURE CAR TYPES

Soldiers' boot-studs coming adrift in main road route marches are puncturing many motor-car tyres which wayside garages, busy with other work, have no time to repair.

A West Country garage owner told the "Daily Mirror," We have had twenty-five puncture jobs in three days and twenty-two were caused by boot-studs of the Army type. All I have left to do this sort of work is a fifteen-year-old boy."

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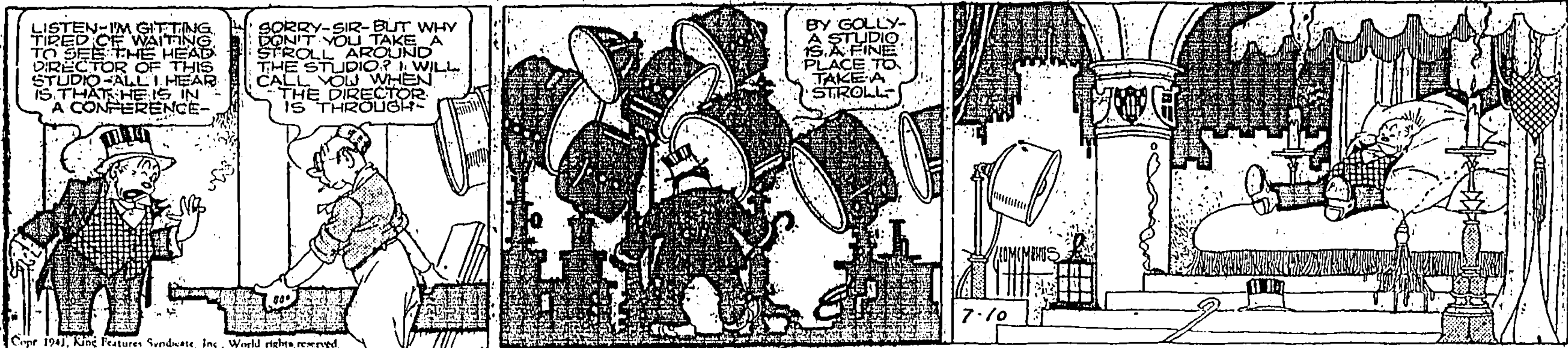
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Rhythm For Bodily Grace

It is not enough to exercise—you must exercise in rhythm! Any jerky movements repeated over and over again will destroy bodily grace instead of encouraging it.

Take the Hawaiians for instance—their graceful, lovely bodies are due to their native rhythmical dancing and hand speech. Every movement is fluid. Every muscle is trained to give perfect co-ordination.

To experience what I am telling you try these exercises which have been stolen from our little dark beauties of the colourful Isle. Sit on the floor, tailor-fashion, with legs crossed. Keep your shoulders level and your arms folded in easy position and your buttocks firm on the floor. Now in a fluid movement stretch tall at the waist and move your ribcage from left to right in a slow, circular movement. If you have a record of Hawaiian music play it during your exercise period. After three minutes move ribcage from right to left.

Surprising as it may seem to you, this exercise if done correctly will decrease your waist measurement and slenderise your hips.

Exercise II

Still sitting tailor-fashion, place hands on hips and bend ONLY UPPER BODY far right and far left—as you keep your head back in easy position and the lower part of your body immobile. The secret of these movements is pulling against yourself—that is what does the work of creating body grace.

As you bend from side to side, again stretch tall from the waist.

Exercise III

Now for a little fun. Stand up with feet about a yard apart. Stretch both arms out shoulder level with palms facing floor. Trying not to let your hips move, stretch far out to right, then far out to left. You will feel a stretching all up your spine and clear to the tips of your fingers if you are doing it correctly. Your head does not move—it is carried from right



Rita Hayworth keeps her body beautifully fluid through dancing and exercise.

to left by your reaching. This is a honey and if you practice it every day for a month you will gain a poise which will be enviable, for it keeps your spine straight, your head set proudly in position and it limbers muscles which seldom get used. Do this to a Hawaiian melody if possible, make your movements slow and rhythmical.

When you have mastered Exercise III, you might try a hip wiggle which stretches muscles from

ankle to arm pits and makes your body ever so much more graceful. Stand with feet about five inches apart. Bend elbows and raise hands so that palms face wall opposite to you. Now holding the spine straight, bend the knees slightly, and force the middle part to rotate slowly first clockwise then counter-clockwise. It helps to imagine you are wearing a grass skirt which is swishing around as your hips and buttocks rotate!

DON'T STOP GROWING

If you're the kind of person who stays the same all the time, then I'm sorry for you.

It shows that you're dull and unadaptable—and ignorant of the truth that a woman always has to be developing from one thing to another.

Development is natural and desirable, so pay it some heed: you don't want to get either twisted or stuck.

Adolescence has a poetry of its own, whether it's wild and dirty or secret and shy. But it's intolerable if it takes too long over developing into youthful charm.

The adolescent girl must go through a self-centred period; she is finding out about herself.

Then, to get her discoveries into focus, she should think more of others and less of herself; she must learn about other people.

The equipment she should make up is good manners, and sufficient personal fastidiousness.

Good manners consist in making the other person comfortable and interested—a neat way to defeat self-consciousness.

Personal fastidiousness for the adolescent begins with clean nails and ears, and with not spilling food!

One of the world's tragedies is the housewife who won't de-

velop into a wife when the day's chores are done.

She might try the suggestions I've offered the adolescents!

Personal fastidiousness should impel one to look nice for one's nearest and dearest, instead of only for strangers who don't care.

While as to manners—it's not very civil to your husband if you can't get your mind off groceries when he comes home.

Couples often lose the interests they had in common (occasional movies, discussions of the newspaper, radio music, even gossip) from nothing but laziness. And very dead it leaves them.

If the housewife lets that go too far, the time will come when she can't interest him. It will be too late to be a wife; she can only be a pest or leave him alone.

Good manners is a solution for mothers too.

The mother of young children has an unselfish and thankful task. She gives so much; she works so hard and the children, born through no fault of their own, can only take it for granted.

Then, from having been the most dependent of creatures, they become independent and ready to resent her.

This is where good manners will tide her over in developing from a mother to a companion.

Good manners that are the true wisdom of the heart.

She must treat their individualities, their separateness, with respect. She must make it easy to confide in her by not pressing awkward questions.

She must find interests of her own so as not to burden them. She must try to like their friends and be tolerant if she can't.

Above all, she must be ready to let them go. This way she will never lose them. Even if she wants to!

There's always a market for the good-time girl, who enjoys herself and makes it fun to take her out.

But if she wants an easy-come-easy-go relationship to develop into real friendship she must show sterner qualities. Loyalty, for instance, and a sense of responsibility, which includes not spending his money too freely, or resenting his work.

If you're a severe, efficient girl in the office please loosen up when you're off duty.

How about developing a little more glamour of an evening? More make-up, scent, hair brushed out softly. And if it's still got to be that plain hard suit—let's have some touch of frivolity. If it's only less practical shoes!

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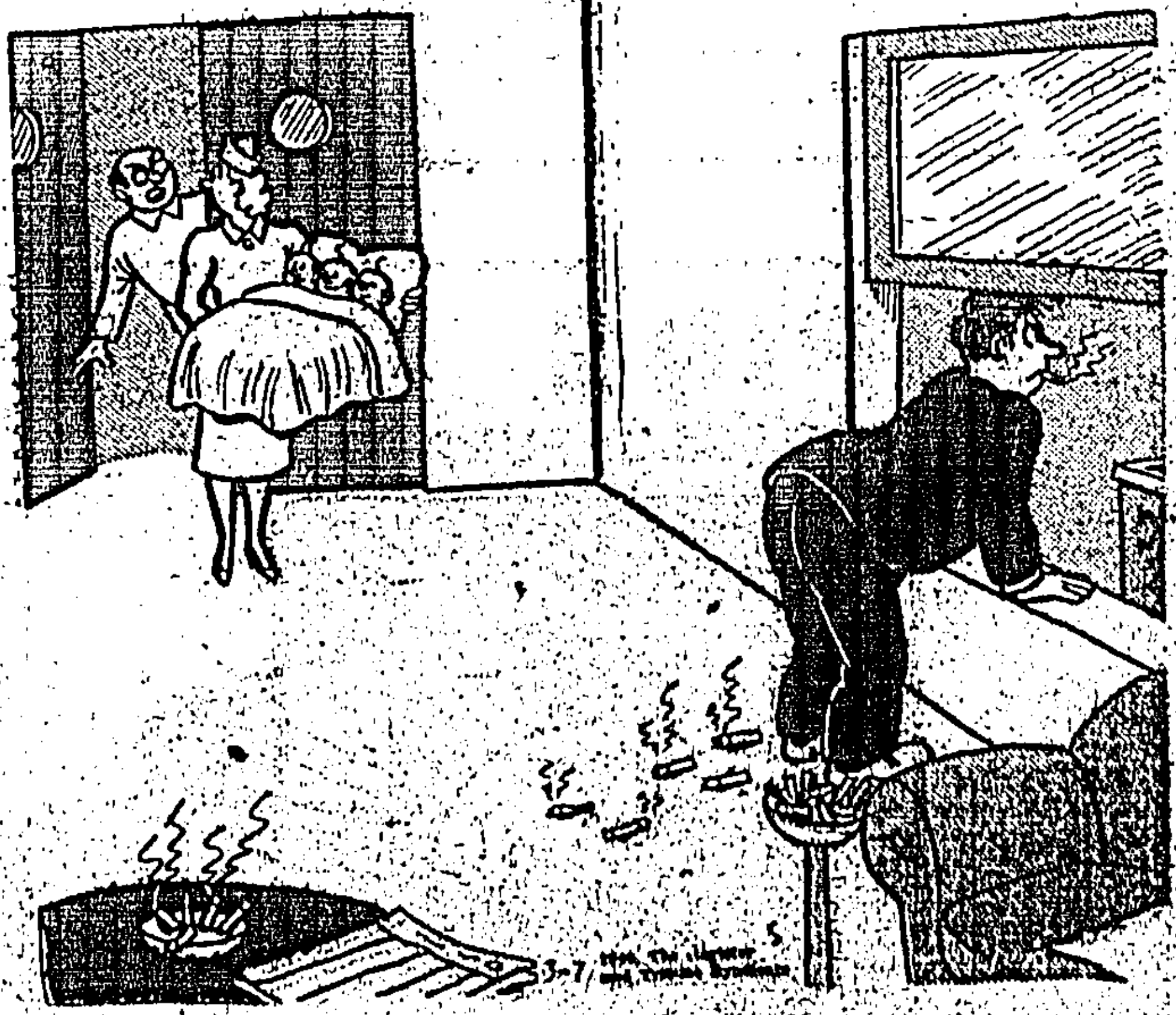
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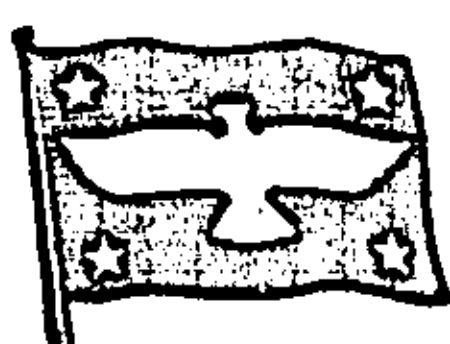
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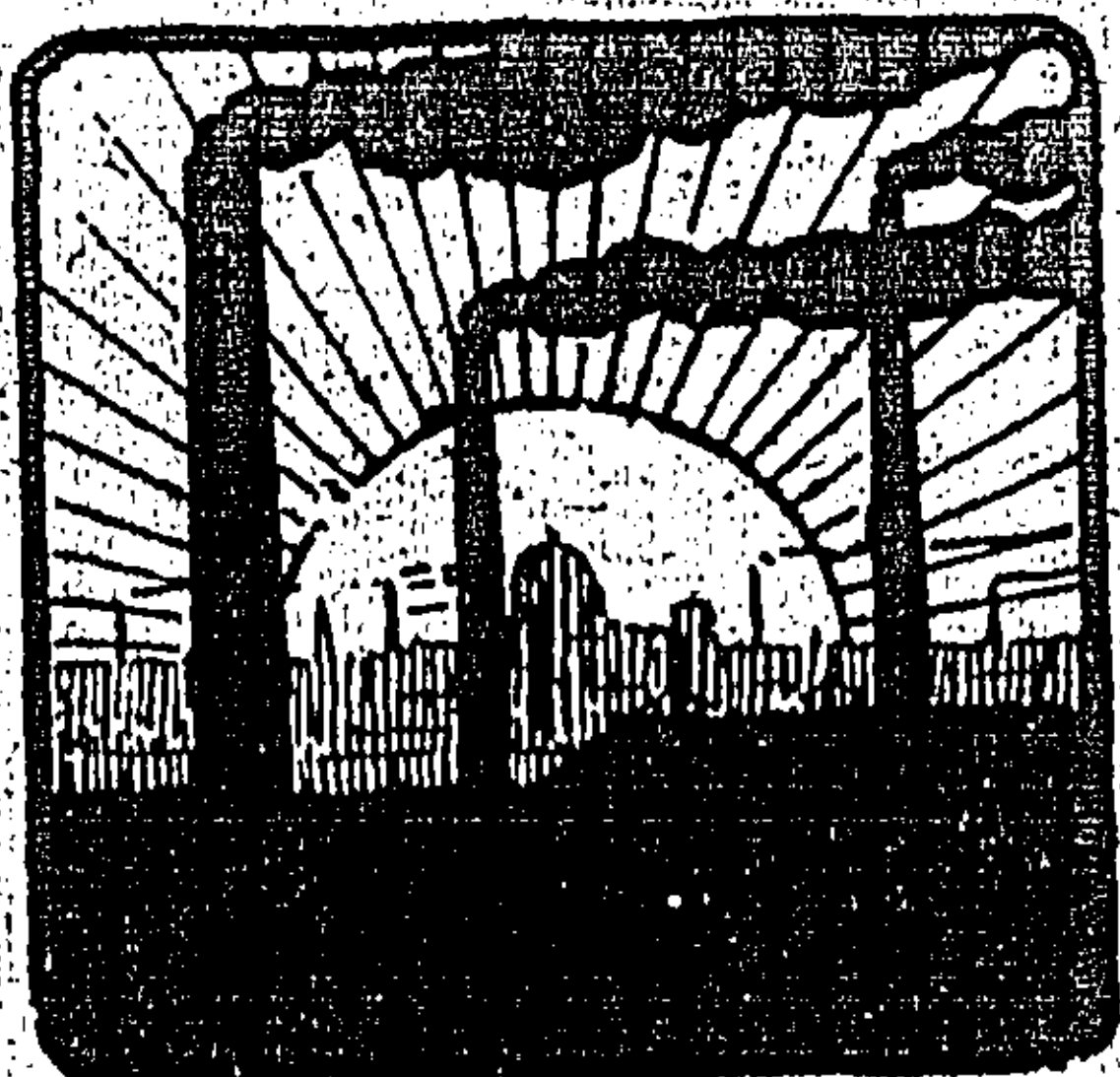
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Dania in French Variety. Vocal—Pres De Tol Mon Amour (Trenet & Luypaerts); Pic... Pic... (Trenet)... Charles Trenet with Orchestra.

Vocal—Du Soleil Dans Ses Yeux (Claret); Je Crois N'Avoir Jamais Aime (Denes-Buday)... Dania with Orchestra.

Orchestra—Elle Lisait Marie-Claire—Valse (Charlys); L'Assemblée De Village—Valse (Alexander)... L'Accordeoniste Alexander & his Orchestra.

Vocal—Ce N'Est Pas Toujours Drole (from "Un Soir De Ralle"—Leo Lelievre); Complainte De Mackie (from Tobias Talkie "L'Opera De Quartre Sous"—Andre Mauprey & Kurt Well)... Dania with Orch.

Vocal—La Route Enchantée (from film "La Route Enchantée"); Il Pleut Dans Ma Chambre (from film "La Route Enchantée")... Charles Trenet with Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections. Hawaiian Rose—Medley; Hawaiian Love Kane's Hawaiians.

Song Of The Islands (arr. King); Aloha Oe (Farewell To Thee)... Bing Crosby (Vocal) with Orch.

Lonesome Without My Baby; Lion Rag... Masters' Hawaiians.

1.20 p.m.—Negro Spirituals. Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (arr. Waller)... "Fats" Waller (Organ Solo).

Lullaby (from "The Moor of Peter The Great"—Gambis); Down De Lovers Lane (Cook)... Paul Robeson (Vocal) with Piano.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Hubert Eisdell (Tenor) and The Light Symphony Orchestra. Fill A Glass With Golden Wine (Hendley & Quiller); Good Night (Shelley & Davis)... Hubert Eisdell with Piano.

Vallette From "Wood Nymphs" (Contes)... Light Symphony Orch.

Minuet (from "Fete Galante"—Ethel Smyth)... Light Symphony Orch.

Sing Me To Sleep (Bingham & Greene); Come, Sing To Me (Thompson)... Hubert Eisdell with Orchestra.

Joyousness—Concert Waltz (Haydn Wood); Homage March (Wood)... Light Symphony Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Selectips from C. B. Cochran's Shows.

C. B. Cochran Presents: Bitter Sweet; Fun o' The Fair; This Year Of Grace; Mayfair To Montmartre; Private Lives; Wake Up & Dream; Cat & The Fiddle; 1930 Revue; Words & Music; Music In The Air; One Dam Thing After Another; Evergreen; Cavalcade... The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.

C. B. Cochran's "1930 Revue"—Vocal Gems... Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

"Home & Beauty"—Cochran's Coronation Revue... Magda Neeld, Janet Lind & W. Booth with Orchestra.

"Lights Up"—I Didn't Really Never Oughter 'ave Went... Doris Hare (Comedienne) with Orchestra.

7.15 p.m.—Organ and Piano Duets by Robinson Cleaver and Patricia Rossborough.

Czardas (Monti); Canadian Capers (White-Cohen); Robinson Cleaver (Organ).

The Wedding Of The Painted Doll. Intro: "The Doll Dance"... Nola (Arndt)... Robinson Cleaver & Patricia Rossborough.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Compositions of Maurice Ravel.

La Valse... Orchestre De La Societe Des Concerts Du Conservatoire, Paris.

Nicolette... The Lyons Mixed Chorus.

Alborada Del Gracioso (Extrait des "Miroirs")... Orchestre Des Concerts Straram.

Trois Beaux Oiseaux De Paradis... The Lyons Mixed Chorus.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"The Real France". The Story of Three Generations—1870, 1914, 1940—by Maurice Thilery. Produced by Moray McLean.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Debussy—The Children's Corner Suite. Alfred Cortot (Piano—Solo).

10.10 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—An Hour of Variety and Dance Music.

Piano—"Viktoria And Her Hussar"—Medley—Intro: Only One Girl In The World; No Time For Anyone But You; Goodnight; Following The Drum (Abraham)... Dais Da Costa.

Quatre-Steps—Wappin' It Up; Exactly Like You... Oscar Rabin & his Strict Tempo Dance Band.

Vocal—Haven't I Seen You Before (Felix King); A Lady In Waiting (Paris)... Florence Desmond with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—My Pony Boy; Horsey, Keep You Tall Up... Freddie "Schmickelfritz" Fisher & his Band.

Vocal Duo—In A Little Rocky Valley (Green, Arden)... Flanagan & Allen with Orchestra.

Tangos—Desprecois; Ciertos Amores... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

Humorous Monologue—The Anti-Arson Squad (John Tilley)... John Tilley.

Fox-Trot—Have You Met Miss Jones (from "All Clear")... Slow Fox-Trot—Get Out Of Town... Jack Hyllon & his Orchestra.

Comedy—Gracie's And Sandy's Party—Gracie Fields & Sandy Powell Entertain; Charlie Kunz, Reginald

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WOMAN INTO 'JACKDAW'

A woman of independent means squandered a legacy of £4,000 and became a "human jackdaw" when she was penniless.

Martha Minnie Ralph, 54, of Prescot Road, Liverpool, pleaded guilty at Liverpool Police Court to stealing a fur and other articles to the value of £16 and to being in unlawful possession of a large quantity of articles, the value of which was not stated.

She was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Mr H. R. Balmer prosecuting, said:

"When her money had gone, she appears to have become a kind of female jackdaw."

"She has filled her rooms in one house after another with the goods, converting the place into a storehouse, and then has taken other accommodation."

Dixon, Larry Adler, Joe Petersten, Jay Wilbur and Primo Scala. Waltz—Love Is All (from film "It's A Date"); Fox-Trot—They Call Me A Dreamer... Oscar Rabin & his Strict Tempo Dance Band.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

HUNT HELPED FLYING

There is no record that the packs of hounds taken by British Regiments to the Continent contributed in any way to Wellington's successes over Napoleon. But it can be truthfully stated that the Habbaniya Hunt helped the Royal Air Force to find and destroy 'Iraqi rebel' positions.

In normal times the Habbaniya Hunt, boasting a number of couples of English foxhounds, hunted jackals all over the surrounding desert. To members of the Hunt, with an eye for country, the neighbourhood of Habbaniya ceased to be more miles of anonymous wilderness and acquired scores of readily identifiable features.

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ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING

PRESIDING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB LAST EVENING, MR. N. V. A. CROUCHER, THE COMMODORE, REFERRED TO THE SERIOUS LOSS OF \$7,000 FOR THE YEAR AND STATED THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING WOULD BE HELD LATER IN THE SEASON TO REVISE THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION IN ORDER TO GIVE THE COMMITTEE THE NECESSARY POWER TO INCREASE ENTRANCE FEES, ETC.

Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, Mr. Croucher said in part:—
"The past year is the first complete one we have spent in our new Clubhouse and gives us an indication of how we must cut our cloth. The loss of \$7,000 is a serious one and more so when the depreciation of assets is taken into account. The fact that expenditure has not been met out of current subscriptions is a matter for real concern and we cannot when renewals are needed ask our Bankers for further help.

"Our sales have greatly increased, but prices are still kept at a moderate figure.
"The very comprehensive report of the several Committees records the various activities engaged in by members during the year and there is very little I can add to it. Our Scandinavian friends continue to be a pillar of strength in all the activities and I must thank them for their valued support.

"Our popular Hon. Secretary, P. C. M. Sedgwick, became almost buried in the affairs of State and our old friend Mr. P. F. Lenfesty very willingly offered to help.

"Our present Articles of Association are sadly in need of revision. An Extraordinary General Meeting will be called for at a date to be decided later for the purpose of bringing them more in line with present day requirements."

Following are extracts from the annual report:—

Annual Report

The most notable event of the year was the official opening of the new Clubhouse on Saturday, October 26, 1940. The occasion was the Opening Cruise which was followed in the evening by a reception for members and their friends at which His Excellency the Acting-Governor Lieutenant-General E. F. Norton, declared the premises formally open.

After payment of bank interest and setting aside of \$9,445.37 as depreciation, the accounts show an excess of expenditure over income of \$7,469.23. Wages inevitably show a large increase and the cost of transportation was high. Subscriptions rose from \$13,388.00 in 1940 to \$22,451.00 in 1941, but an increase in Entrance Fees and/or Subscription rates will have to be considered during the coming year.

The total membership on June 30, 1941 was 610 including absent members, subscribers and lady subscribers but excluding life members and honorary members. During the year 118 new members, 54 subscribers and 28 lady subscribers were elected as against resignations from 12 members, 16 subscribers and one lady member. Wartime conditions again made it impossible to arrange the annual race for the Trevessa Trophy. Middle Island was not patronised so extensively as in the preceding year owing to the evacuation and Volunteer duties. Expenditure increased because of redecoration of the building carried out during the year.

A silk Burgee was presented to the Rear Commodore His Excellency Major-General A. E. Grasett, on his departure from the Colony as a token of appreciation of his services to the Club.

The thanks of the Club are also due to the Commodore, Mr. N. V. A. Croucher for his generous gift of turf to form the lower lawn, which has made a striking improvement to the main approach to the Club.

Acting-Governor's Success

The Racing Season commenced on September 28, 1940. Sweepstake Races were held until the Opening Cruise on Oc-

tober 26 and 27, 1940. This was the first Opening Cruise to be held at the new Clubhouse, and the afternoon's racing was followed by the official opening of the Club by H.E. Lt-General E. F. Norton, who very appropriately was the winning helmsman of the cruising classes in the afternoon, sailing the Commodore's yacht La Cigale I.

The Closing Cruise was held at Kellet Island on May 3 and 4, 1941. This was followed by the presentation of the season's prizes by Lady Grayburn.

Forty-seven cruisers, thirty-two racing yachts, and four motor yachts, junks, etc., are now registered in the Club Fleet. During the season three new cruisers were registered—Gnat, Orion, Tumble. Glenelg, auxiliary "A" boat, has been transferred to Singapore and we regret to record that A5 was lost in a typhoon. There are one to two new cruisers which, it is hoped, will be added to the Fleet by next season.

Season's Programme

The number of races sailed during the season was 144 and 1,076 yachts crossed the Starting Line.

The Rowing Season opened on September 21, 1940, when 34 oarsmen went out on the water for a brief outing, after which a successful supper was held in the Clubhouse.

Three regattas were held during the season. The most successful was the Xmas Regatta at Middle Island when the H.K.V.D.C. Inter-Unit Fours Race was introduced. Scottish Company emerging victorious.

As the Alleys were not opened until May, 1940, it has not been possible to give a comparison between their popularity this year and that of previous years.

The Sub-Committee found it necessary in view of the increasing popularity of Duck Pins amongst the lady members to co-opt Mrs. Berg on the Sub-Committee and wish to express their thanks for her very great help.

During the year under review, the bulk of the work of the House Committee has been inaugural and calls for no comment. A start has been made with the decoration of the Clubhouse, and it is hoped that more will be accomplished when funds become available.

The Library is in a flourishing condition and, thanks largely to the generosity of some members, now comprises some 750 volumes, exclusive of bound periodicals.

Election Of Officers

The following committees were elected:

General Committee:—Major G. E. Neve, Mr. R. A. Wadson, Mr. R. J. Minnitt, Dr. L. D. Pringle, Mr. A. G. Dalziel, Mr. G. J. P. Carey, Mr. J. Moodie, Mr. J. C. McDouall, Mr. H. W. Browne (ex-officio), Mr. J. Fleming (ex-officio).
Sailing Committee:—Major G. E. Neve, Dr. L. D. Pringle, Messrs. J. B. Colls, P. Clarke, R. A. Wadson, J. L. Anderson, T. C. Fairburn, E. Henscheid, P. C. Sedgwick, H. W. Browne, R. J. Minnitt, Capt. Mills.
Rowing Committee:—Messrs. A. G. Dalziel, G. J. P. Carey, J. C. H. Lander, J. Moodie, J. C. McDouall, N. O. Christensen.

Bowling:—Alleys Sub-Committee:—Messrs. H. R. Forsyth, H. W. Browne and H. Dreyer and Mrs. Berg.
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Squash:—Sub-Committee:—Messrs. J. E. Potter and D. T. Bosanquet.
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Voices of thanks were tendered to Mrs. N. Potter, the retiring Hon. Librarian, and Mr. Sedgwick, the retiring Hon. Secretary.

OTT'S ODDITY

Mel Ott lifts his right foot off the ground as he starts his swing. The Giants' home run king has done that since he was a child. He's the only great hitter with the oddity.

"When I go into a slump, I just kick the right leg about a foot higher and I'm hitting again," beams the Louisiana Lollapalooza.

SHANGHAI TENNIS RESULTS

One of the two remaining quarter-finals of the Shanghai Lawn Tennis Singles Championship was decided last week when Harry K. F. Li beat E. T. Indricksen by 3 sets to 1, while in an earlier match, "Poker" Tong caused some surprise when he beat T. C. Chang after five hard sets.

In the lower bracket Harry Li and Kho Sin-uel are now in the semi-finals, and when they meet tennis of a high class should be seen.

Results of the latest block of matches played were:—

MEN'S SENIOR SINGLES
Harry K. F. Li beat E. T. Indricksen, 3-6, 7-5, 10-8, 6-0.
"Poker" Tong beat T. C. Chang, 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-5.

MEN'S JUNIOR SINGLES
E. Tsai beat F. Braunthal, 6-3, 7-5, 6-1.
B. Fong beat F. K. L. Wang, 7-5, 7-5, 6-1.
E. Arnvig beat Shao, 6-1, 6-1, 6-0.

MEN'S DOUBLES
L. Marcell and S. A. Colliaco beat H. C. Yung and P. K. Sung, 5-7, 6-1, 6-3, 6-4.
A. M. Rozario and V. A. S. C. Souza beat E. T. Indricksen and D. Green, 2-6, 6-0, 6-1, 6-2.

E. Tsai and T. Liang beat S. Zee and C. How, 6-3, 7-5, 6-2.

GARCIA GIVEN RAW DEAL

The State Boxing Commission announced on September 16 that it was powerless to protest referee Abe Roth's decision when Roth called a scheduled 12-round non-title clash between middle-weight champion Billy Soose and Ceferino Garcia a technical draw in the eighth round after Soose suffered a cut eye.

The decision met with protest from the crowd, and ringiders were of almost unanimous opinion that 35-year-old Garcia should have been awarded a technical knockout.

The Filipino opened up an old cut on Soose's right eye with one of his famous bolo punches.

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TWO MORE NATIONAL RECORDS SHATTERED AT CHINESE MEETING

THE HONG KONG CHINESE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS WERE CONCLUDED LAST NIGHT AT VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB AND WERE FEATURED BY THE BREAKING OF ANOTHER TWO 1935 NATIONAL RECORDS IN THE LADIES' 200 METRES BREAST-STROKE AND THE MEN'S 400 METRES FREE-STYLE EVENTS AND THE EXCELLENT TIME RETURNED BY NG NIN, WHEN SWIMMING IN THE 400 YARDS FREE-STYLE RELAY.

In winning the Ladies' 200 Metres breast-stroke event in 3 mins. 30.8 seconds, Miss Lee Po-luen, of South China, clipped nearly eight seconds off the record established by Miss Chan Yuk-king in 1935. The other record was broken by Chan Chun-nam in the 400 Metres free-style when he covered the distance in 5 mins. 22.6 seconds, almost 11 seconds better than Yeung Wai-ngor's 1935 record of 5 mins. 33.15 secs.

Tsui Hang won the 50 Yards free-style in 25.2 seconds without being pressed. Swimming second in the 400 Yards free-style Relay for Sing Tao, Ng Nin covered his 100 Yards in 57 seconds.

The three Lai Tsui stars—Chan Chun-nam, Yau Sai-kwan and Lau Tai-ping—were again featured in a close finish in the 400 Metres free-style event and all three broke the existing National record.

The best race of the evening was the Ladies' 50 Yards free-style, which was won by Miss Ho Wai-king. The other places were keenly contested by Miss Mok Sum-lum, of Lai Tsui, who narrowly beat her club-mate Miss Sai Wai-ying.

Following were the results:—
Men's 400 Yards free-style Relay—1. Sing Tao (Wong Chi-hung, Ng Nin, Chi Wai-lam and Shek Kham-pul), Time: 4 mins. 4 secs.; 2. Lai Tsui (Lau Tai-ping, Chan Chun-nam, Tsang Cheong-ming and Yau Sai-kwan), Time: 4 mins. 9.0 secs.; 3. Eastern (Kwok Chun-hung, Yeung Kai-wah, Chu Chiu-yau and Tsui Hang), Time: 4 mins. 24 secs.
Ladies' 200 Metres breast-stroke—1. Miss Lee Po-luen (South China), Time: 3 mins. 30.8 secs. (Record); 2. Miss Ho Wai-man (S.C.A.A.), Time: 3 mins. 48.8 secs.; 3. Miss Shum Wai-yung (Residents), Time: 3 mins. 49.8 secs.
Men's 100 Metres back-stroke—1. Chan Kam-cheung (Chinese), Time: 1 min. 23.2 secs.; 2. Lau Yit-ting (Lai Tsui), Time: 1 min. 27.4 secs.; 3. Shek Kam-pui (Sing Tao), Time: 1 min. 24 secs.
Ladies' 50 Yards free-style—1. Miss Ho Wai-king (C.B.C.), Time: 32 secs.; 2. Miss Mok Sum-lum (Lai Tsui), Time: 34 secs.; 3. Miss Sai Wai-ying (Lai Tsui), Time: 34.2 secs.
Men's 50 Yards free-style—1. Tsui Hang (Eastern), Time: 25.2 secs.; 2. Chan King-ping (C.B.C.), Time: 26.8 secs.; 3. Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsui), Time: 27 secs.
Men's 400 Metres free-style—1. Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsui), Time: 5 mins. 22.6 secs. (Record); 2. Yau Sai-kwan (Lai Tsui), Time: 5 mins. 25.2 secs. (Record); 3. Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsui), Time: 5 mins. 26.2 secs. (Record).
Ladies' 400 Metres free-style—1. Miss Ho Wai-king (C.B.C.), Time: 7 mins. 33.2 secs.; 2. Miss Leung Oi-mui (C.B.C.), Time: 7 mins. 20.6 secs.; 3. Miss Ho Wai-man (S.C.A.A.), Time: 8 mins. 1.4 secs.

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SOUTH CHINA A.A. ENTER MINIATURE SOCCER FINAL

By "Referee"

South China qualified to meet Ah Q Football Club in the Final of the China Emporium Miniature Football Shield Competition when they beat Tung Shan in the semi-final at Caroline Hill yesterday by the odd goal in three after leading at the interval by two clear goals.

TO-DAY'S SOCCER

Club juniors are playing 5th A. A. Regiment in a friendly football game on Club ground to-day, starting at 5.30 p.m.

CYCLONES' HOCKEY WIN

Two matches were played yesterday in the Hockey League (on roller skates) for the Chi Yin Yap Po Cup.

After a goalless first half, Cyclones beat Hong Kong Skating Rink "B" by two clear goals, scored by A. Kitchell and Ralman.

King's Skating rink beat Kowloon Skating Club "B" by four clear goals after leading at the interval by the only goal, scored by Nien.

In the second half K. W. Chang and P. H. Yung (2) scored further goals.

Table To Date

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Blitz	9	6	2	1	23	4	14
H.K.S.C. "A"	8	4	4	0	8	4	12
K.S.C. "B"	8	5	1	2	12	7	11
K.S.C.	9	5	1	3	18	9	11
Cyclones	8	4	2	2	11	6	10
H.K.S.C. "B"	9	1	0	8	28	21	2
K.S.C. "A"	9	0	0	9	3	22	0

MINIATURE FOOTBALL

Children's Playgrounds Association are holding an inter-school Miniature Football League, open to all schools in Kowloon. All matches will be played on the play-grounds of the Association in Kowloon.

Tung Shan started off shakily but in the second period had most of the play and only the good goalkeeping of Tan Kwan-kon and Lau Hing-choy prevented them from scoring.

Lee Shek-yau showed excellent ball control. He was dangerous when in possession and made many openings for his forwards.

Lau Chung-sang was the best player for the losers but he was too well marked by Lau Hing-choy and rarely had a scoring opportunity.

Chin Chi-fai opened the scoring for South China early in the game and shortly after Lee Tin-kee scored their second goal from a centre by Chin Chi-fai.

The Final will be played at Caroline Hill to-day at 5.30 p.m. Lau Chung-sang scored for Tung Shan from a penalty.

South China:—Tan Kwan-kon; Chau Man-chi and Lau Hing-choy; Tso Kam-hung, Chin Chi-fai, Lee Tin-kee and Lee Shek-yau.

Tung Shan:—Mak Ping; Hau Yung-sang and Lee Tak-kee; Man Shui-kee, Lai Shui-wing, Wong Man-kwai and Lau Chung-sang.

Gough's Bowls Win

Following are the latest results of matches in the various Club lawn bowls tournaments:

CRAIGSGOWER Pairs Competition

Second Round:—A. J. Coelho and E. Zimmern beat L. M. Roza and L. C. R. Souza.

Senior Singles Championship First Round:—J. W. Leonard beat W. J. Howard; Second Round:—C. W. Lam beat W. E. Broadbridge.

POLICE Novices' Handicap Singles

Semi-Final:—C. Gough (scr.) beat D. Fitches (plus 4); G. Davies (plus 3) beat Greenwood (scr.); Final:—C. Gough (scr.) beat G. Davies (plus 3).

Pairs Competition

Semi-Final:—W. Mair and G. Perkins beat A. E. Carey and E. G. Post; C. Ellis and J. M. Forrest beat F. Channing and C. Downman.

TAIKOO CLUB Pairs Competition

First Round:—McKie and Gillies beat Paterson and Coull; Kew and Main beat Forster and Wilson; Second Round:—McKie and Gillies beat Simpson and Nimmo; Jeacock and Chalmers beat Gibson and Watson; Smith and Stainton beat Taylor and Melrose; Kew and Main beat Higgs and Bovaard. Semi-Final:—McKie and Gillies beat Jeacock and Chalmers.

Club Singles

Second Round:—Watson beat Paterson; Gillies beat McArthur; Stainton beat Gibson; Bovaard beat Melrose; Chalmers beat Main; Coull beat Higgs; Nimmo beat Smith and Kew beat McKie; Third Round:—Watson beat Gillies.

HONG KONG ELECTRIC Club Singles

First Round:—K. Crawford beat A. Tarback; R. C. Butler beat R. W. Smith; J. K. Sloan beat A. F. Paul; R. A. Owens beat R. F. Gregory; Second Round:—A. G. Gardner beat E. L. Groom; 21-10; R. C. Butler beat K. Crawford 21-11; Semi-Final:—R. C. Butler beat A. G. Gardner.

Pairs Competition

First Round:—A. E. Paul and J. K. Sloan beat J. R. Way and W. Stoker; J. F. Lunny and R. A. Owens beat L. de Rome and R. C. Butler; A. G. Gardner and W. MacFarlane beat E. L. Groom and S. Jarvis; Byes into the Semi-Final:—A. F. Paul and J. K. Sloan beat R. W. Smith and W. E. Baker; Semi-Final:—J. F. Lunny and R. A. Owens beat A. G. Gardner and W. MacFarlane.

Drawn Doubles

First Round:—L. de Rome and W. Stoker beat A. G. Gardner and J. R. Way; J. F. Lunny and J. K. Sloan beat W. MacFarlane and E. L. Groom; 21-8; Byes into the Semi-Final:—R. C. Butler and A. F. Paul beat R. W. Smith and R. A. Owens; Semi-Final:—J. F. Lunny and J. K. Sloan beat L. de Rome and W. Stoker.

KOWLOON TONG Singles Handicap

Third Round:—T. K. Lim (2) beat C. J. Roe (scr.); Semi-Final:—N. A. E. Mackay (3) beat H. Gittins (scr.).

Nickling, four Marine buyers for 11 hits out of the 14 journeys to the plate. Bill Lanneck, Iron man of the Amateurs, garnered the "China Press" Shanghai baseball-baiting trophy. The 11-out-of-14 average during the last four games pulled him from third place with a 414 per cent. to top place with the creditable average of 535 per cent.



Bowls has always proved a soothing sport to the Englishman. In 1588 Drake played bowls on Plymouth Hoe whilst awaiting invasion by the Spaniards, and now, in 1941, when it is Germany's ambition to land on the shores of Britain, the man in the street still enjoys his game of bowls. But—like Drake—he will not be taken unawares. In the shadow of a barrage balloon in a London park, a game of bowls is here seen quietly in progress. (Copyright, Fox Photos).

BARE-KNUCKLE FIGHTER PASSES AT AGE OF 84

The death of Jem Carney at the age of 84 recalls a great figure of boxing's bare-knuckle years. Carney was formerly English light-weight champion, but one of his greatest fights took place in America, at Boston, when he was 30 years old.

In this fight he battled in a barn with Jack Macauliffe, the Irish world champion, and after a terrific 5-hour fight the bout was drawn. Carney was reputed to have left his opponent during the fight to knockout two troublesome spectators, after which he returned to the ring.

"Modern boxers are not villainous enough, they haven't the jaws and ears," Carney once said. He himself was the hero of many bare-knuckle fights.—Reuter.

CYCLONE BOXERS IN TRAINING

MEMBERS OF CYCLONE SPORTS CLUB HAVE, FOR SOMETIME, BEEN TRAINING FOR BOXING, WITH "IRON" BUX JNR. AS THE LEADING LIGHT.

They are extremely keen and are anxious to fix up a match against any other boys' club interested in boxing. Their greatest difficulty to date has been the lack of facilities for training, although some of the keenest ones have "gone up on the roof" for sparring and ball-punching.

Apart from "Iron" Bux Jr., there is also "Sherry" Bux, an elder brother of the Colony amateur bantamweight champion, who is described as an even more scientific boxer than his brother, but who does not show the same keen interest in the game that the younger one has inherited from their father, ex-Orient champion.

A. R. Abbas is also very keen, but he is the "more brawny than brainy" type; while B. Silva is very fast, although his punches need correcting after which they will carry much more sting.

BRADBURY'S EASY WIN

AT KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB: YESTERDAY, B. W. BRADBURY BEAT A. L. EASTMAN BY 23-10 AT THE 19TH HEAD IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE COLONY LAWN-BOWLS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

After being 4-0 down at the 6th, Bradbury registered at the next eight ends and led 10-6 at the 14th. With 12-1 Eastman reduced the lead to 10-10 but Bradbury finished the game with a one and a three. B.W.B.: 0-1-0-3-0-2-1-1-2-3-3-1-2-0-0-1-3-20 A.L.E.: 1-0-1-0-4-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-1-2-1-0-0-10

"SAPPER" MILES VISITS COLONY AFTER 18 YEARS ON WAY TO AUSTRALIA

By "Incog."

Gerry Morgan, better known to followers of local boxing in the old days as "Sapper" Miles, is back again in the Colony after an absence of 18 years, looking very fit and feeling "fresh and tricky as a 27-year-old boy ready to go in to the ring."

Most of the present-day generation would not know Morgan, for it was in 1908 that he first fought in the Colony, coming here after having been runner-up in the lightweight division of the Army and Navy Boxing Championships at Aldershot. He then won the lightweight title of the Orient here, when he beat Cpl. Champion. K.O.Y.L.I. in the fifth of their scheduled 15-round contest, the referee stopping the fight.

Morgan said that though it was a long time ago, it only seemed like yesterday that he met men like Bill Lewis, the best boxer he had ever come up against, and Battling Sim, a negro off U.S.S. Wilmington, who was the best two-handed fighter he saw in the East.

Morgan had two fights with Bill Lewis, losing both. He said that Lewis was in a class by himself, and there was never anybody here to touch him.

World-Beater?

Of the local Boxers, Morgan said that he thought "Iron" Bux would have made a "world-beater" had he been taken in hand properly.

Apart from his colourful career in the ring, Morgan was at one time leading promoter in Shanghai. Between 1926 and 1930, he staged fights every Thursday night, without a break, in Shanghai. "Those Thursday nights," he said, "were 'pink ticket' nights for Shanghai husbands, who could at least get leave to go to the fights."

In 1930, Morgan sold out to the Auditorium interests, and as it was one of the conditions of sale that he was not to promote any more fights except for them, he "packed up" after this, though he gave them all the help and advice that they needed.

In 1920, when Chiang Kai-shek marched through from Canton to dispose of Marshal Wu Pei-fu, Morgan was in North China and had just floated a U.S. \$2,000,000 capital concern known as the Hunan Lead Smelting Co., when, on his way down the Szechwan River, he was captured by soldiers who had become bandits.

Captive Three Months

For three months Morgan was captive. The soldiers felt that belonging as he did to a firm with such a big capital, handsome ransom money was bound to be forthcoming. They were disappointed. Morgan had rice and eggs for breakfast, eggs and rice for lunch and then rice and eggs again for



"Sapper" Miles

dinner for three months on end. Never for long did the bandits remain at one spot, but wherever they went, along went Morgan.

One night, however, when his captors were "looking the other way," Morgan managed to break away. Then followed a 14-day trek which brought him to Hankow. Here a friend fitted him up with a couple of suits and secured a passage for him down to Shanghai, and it was then that he started promoting fights.

And now, it is Australia for "Gerry," as he is popularly known to Shanghaianders. He has had offers to stay in the Colony, but feels that a change would do him good after all these years in China. He has only been here a couple of days, and has spent practically all his spare time looking up old friends.

When seen last evening, he was "anxious to locate" "Iron" Bux, another giant of the past, as he wanted to see what "his face would look like" when "Sapper" Miles shows up, for, officially and unofficially, he was given up as "dead" after his capture by the bandits, and some people don't think it right for a "dead man" to be walking about that freely!

A group of Shanghai Chinese have formed themselves into a private tennis club and have held a number of matches amongst themselves on the Marble Hall court in Mody Road. They may enter the Tennis League in a modest way next season if they can make arrangements to have the use of a ground for that purpose.

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BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR CHINESE SWIMMERS IN H.K. CHAMPIONSHIPS

By "Incog."

In an earlier article I dealt with the prospects of Victoria Recreation Club representatives in the Colony Swimming Championships, which open on Thursday, and the many galas held in the various clubs since then have provided me with further opportunities of studying the form of the Chinese challengers.

CHAN CHUN-NAM, Lai Tsun star, is so well-known to followers of swimming that it would be superfluous to reiterate his claims, beyond mentioning the fact that he is generally conceded an excellent chance of setting up new marks in the 440 and 880 Yards free-style events, though he will perhaps meet with stiffer opposition in the 220 Yards free-style race.

YAU SAI-KWAN, one of the two Lai Tsun youngsters to have improved so remarkably in the current season, also promises to break the very good times established by Chan last year, and should place second in the 440 and 880 Yards events.

LAU TAI-PING, who led the field easily in his heat of the 220 Yards free-style, returned the very good time of 2 mins. 28.1/5 secs., as compared to Yau Sai-kwan's winning time of 2 mins. 30.1/5 secs. in the other heat. Lau should win this event, but I doubt very much if he will break W. Lawrence's record of 2 mins. 35 secs. for this distance. He should fight it out with Yau for the second place in the other two long distance events.

This remarkable Lai Tsun trio have the advantage of each other's company in their training, and the friendly rivalry that exists helps to make their work more interesting.

"Veteran" Fancied

TSUI HANG, "veteran" of Eastern Athletic Association, is my choice to win the 50 Yards and 100 Yards free-style events, though other critics are for Ng Nin or David Hutchinson. In the heats of the 50 Yards he was unfortunate to draw Lane 1, and in the race collided with one of the "buoys" and came practically to a standstill, but he still managed to recover sufficiently to carry on and win his heat in the excellent time of 25 seconds flat.

The 100 Yards free-style race will provide a grand fight between Tsui Hang, Ng Nin and David Hutchinson, with Tsui Hang having the edge and David Hutchinson second.

NG NIN, crack sprinter of Sing Tao, broke the record for the 50 Yards free-style in the heats when he returned 24.3/5 secs. In the 100 Yards I do not think he has bettered 37 seconds this year, and the winner of this race must certainly do this to win. Ng Nin is a certainty, however, for the 100 Yards breast-stroke as he employs the "butterfly" stroke throughout. In the newly inaugurated 150 Yards Individual Medley he should win in a canter, and will quite probably set a mark that will take some beating.

Ho Should Win

HO PUN-KUN, of South China Athletic Association, returned 3 mins. 8.3/5 secs. for the 220 Yards breast-stroke, and should win this event, even though FUNG WAI-CHEUNG, of Chinese "Y", returned the same time to win the other heat, and Yau Sai-kwan returned 3 mins. 8.4/5 secs. to come in second in the first heat. The latter swam the first three lengths and the final 1/2 with the "butterfly" stroke, and every swimmer knows what a remarkable feat this is, as this style is "killing".

SING TAO, with Ng Nin, Shek Kam-pul, Wong Che-hong and A. N. Other should win the 200 Yards free-style relay easily with EASTERN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION second.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB, with A. K. R. Rajah, Luiz M. Remedios and W. Lawrence (in place of G. Saunders) should win the Medley Relay, but they will not have everything their own way as EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A., with Noel Hammond, David Hutchinson and E. A. Roberts, are quite a threat, while SING TAO have also quite a formidable aggregation in Shek Kam-pul, Ng Nin and Wong Che-hong.

The Ladies

MISS LI PO-LUEN, of University, should win the 100 Yards breast-stroke, having returned the best time in the heats, and stands a good chance of beating Miss Tsang Fung-kwan in the 50 Yards race of this style.

MISS LILY SADICK, Lai Tsun, has no match in the Colony in the back-stroke and should win both races, while her team-mate, MISS TSANG FUNG-KWAN, promises to do well in the 50 Yards breast-stroke.

MISS KO MIU-LING, Lai Tsun sprint star, is the one likely to provide opposition to the probable winners of the free-style and breast-stroke events, while MISS HO WAI-KING, of Chinese Bathing Club, who returned the second best time in the 220 Yards, should secure a place in this event.

MISS HO WAI-MAN, also of C.B.C., is another very good swimmer but not in the class of the probable champions. She and her sister should put up good opposition for second places in the events for which they have entered.

The Relays

LAI TSUN SWIMMING UNION should win the 200 Yards free-style Relay for Women, having Miss Ko Miu-ling, Miss Lily Sadick, Miss Lo Po-kum and Miss Tsang Fung-kwan, though Victoria Recreation Club will provide a good fight with Miss Jacqueline Anderson, Miss Celeste Guterres, Miss Irene Lopes and Miss Myra Noronha or Mrs. J. Crawford.

LAI TSUN should also win the Medley Relay. Without Vivienne Churn to make up for the lead that Lily Sadick is certain to establish in the back-stroke V.R.C.'s chances are very slender.

'VARSITY COLOURS AWARDED

Athletic colours at Hong Kong University have been awarded to W. S. Gegg, S. H. Leung, Miss Ellen Hunt and Pao Yue-um.

Swimming Club "Greens" have been awarded to Dr. Wong Yat-hung and Charles Huang.

D. Chelliah, University cricketer and badminton player, returned to the Colony from a holiday in Malaya, on Tuesday. It is understood he will be playing more hockey this winter than he did last, when he turned out only occasionally for University.

Wild Throw Gives Merry Madcaps 4-3 Decision Over Mohawks

EDDIE Marques' Merry Madcaps again hung up the "V" for victory sign over Marauding Mohawks by nosing them out 4 to 3 in an over-time tilt in Sunday's night-cap at Kowloon Football Club ground, whilst Canadian Chinese girls drubbed Dave Walker's Cardinals 12 to 8 in the opener.

Both hurlers chucked superb ball for the whole tussle, mound victor Carl Silva-Netto being nicked for four blows whilst losing slabster "Smudge" Smith yielded three singles. Silva-Netto fanned two and walked one, whilst Smith whiffed two and passed two to first, and was also charged with two wild pitches.

High-lighted by air-tight ball, the first two frames swept by in a quick succession of put outs, Chuck Waggoner's Marauding Mohawks chalking up their first marker in the third onto on two blows, whilst a string of horse-collars decorated the Madcap section of the score-board for four frames.

With the fifth session coming up, the one run lead was beginning to look mighty big for mentor Eddie Marques. Madcaps turned on the heat in the same frame to take the lead as Marques, "Americo" Lopes and Silva-Netto romped over the pay-off station to garner a trio of markers for the Madcaps, but the lead was short-lived as the Waggonermen came right back in the next with a couple of tallies to knot the count.

The Waggonermen were retired in one-two-three order in their turn with the stick, Madcap first-sacker Romeo Hamet was given a life on a bobble and pliffed second. "Avichy" Yvanovich tapped a roller, but key-stoner Vic Lini heaved the pill a mile high and wide to Nip Lum to see the winning run spike the rubber.

Mar Sisters To The Rescue

In the ladies' tilt, Canadian Chinese started off short-handed and called upon the services of the Mar sisters, Lily and Gloria, to fill the gaps at the mid-way station and the hot corner.

The Canuckettes started off with classy Alice Mar on the mound and she fanned three and walked one, whilst relief twirler Mary Ng whiffed three and walked two. Lefty Dolly Brown, tossing the apple for the Redbirds, also struck-out three and issued free transportation to first to two Canuckettes.

Redbirds jumped into the lead with

a cluster of two runs in each of the first two sessions, whilst the Maple Leafs could only produce a single marker. But a barrage of four blows in the third noited the Canuckettes' six counters for them to take the lead, whilst a spurge of four runs in the fifth just about sewed the game away for them in the bat bag. The Cards produced an splitless rally in the final stanza, but could tally only three times before the attempt was smothered.

Jean Lee, starry short-stop and field captain of the Maple Leafs, led the

By "Grandstand"

batting parade with a three-four performance at the plate, rapping out a double and a single in her four batting chances, but the longest blow of the scuffle was belted out by Dolly Brown, with a hefty triple to chase in two mates.

Cardinal third-sacker Betty Clarke and first-sacker Alice Tsang completed the only double killing of the fracas, but the latter bungled four chances at the initial station.

Softball Increasing in Popularity

BREAKING into its fifth season, Softball, which stormed the Colony five years ago, is fast becoming a major winter sport in these sunny shores. Those who have scoffed at the

"cissy game," have since found out that they have been wrong all along, as the recent epidemic of sprained digits or what is commonly known as "softball finger," will testify. If there's anything cissy about it, we haven't noticed it, except that the only thing soft about it is the name. The fact that the girls have taken to it, like ducks to water, only proves its popularity.

Softball is growing in popularity so steadily that it is gradually ousting King Baseball from the throne, and already the heavier game is playing second fiddle.

Don't under-estimate this game of softball, or kitten-ball, as our Shanghai friends still call it. It's come out of the back-alleys into the light of day, a magnificent game that is growing with the passing of years.

For thrilling action on the diamond, there can be no equal to a batter's dream—a home-run with the bases loaded. The sound of ash against horsehide starting a wild stampede of fielders towards the speeding ball. Base-runners tear around the sheets with the coaches waving wildly. The batter rounds second, makes third and starts straight for the home-plate. The catcher is crouched ready for the throw-in, the runner slides; ball and runner seem to arrive together. The umpire's hands point down, the runner is safe. Every one is tense, excited and uncertain until the last moment. Yes Sir, give me a good game on the diamond for thrills, any day.

SOUTH CHINA ON THE MARK AGAINST "Y"

By "Sportshawk"

Displaying clever inter-passing and accurate shooting South China had little difficulty in defeating Chinese Y.M.C.A. in their "needle" match in the Open Basketball League last night by 44 points to 25 and are thus almost assured of the championship.

Neither team had lost a match previously. "Y" forwards were not up to their usual form and missed many scoring opportunities.

Leading by 19-14 in the first half South China struck their best form in the second period, out-maneuvring their opponents and treating the crowd to some excellent shooting. They won the match by an unexpectedly big margin.

Chung Ling, South China's left-winger, was the hero of the game, scoring 14 points and was prominent with his accurate shooting. Shek Chun-tat played well as guard.

For Chinese "Y" Lee Fook-kee and Luk Tak-cheong were outstanding in the attack while Fong Yuk-shan was impressive in the defence.

"Y" were good in their inter-passing but were very weak in their shooting. They had ample opportunities but failed with their parting shots.

South China (44 points)—Chung Ling

14, Lo Jun 11, Shek Chun-suen 10, Shek Chun-tat 6, Ng Suet-chiu 2, and Chong Yek-sun 1.

Chinese "Y" (25 points)—Lee Fook-kee 7, Luk Tak-cheong 5, Chan Kang-yu 4, Tang Sik-chan 3, So Pak-wai 2, Fong Yuk-shan 2 and Lo On-sun 1.

N.U. Win 51-34

In the curtain raiser, National University beat Youths by 51 points to 34, after leading by 20-10 at the interval.

National U. (51 points)—Yu Shiu-luen 15, Chan Shiu-luk 13, Chan Sun-kun 11, Yip Fat-lung 7 and Yu Sui-yim 5.

Youths (34 points)—Chien To 9, Lee Cheuk-man 8, Pun Yau-ming 4, Tsai Sip-kong 4, Yip Chun-yiu 3, Chan Sik-kwai 2, Lee Kan-ching 2 and Yua Kwok-chi 2.

TABLE TO DATE			
	P.	W.	L.
South China	7	7	0
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	7	6	1
Sing Tao	7	6	1
National University	7	6	1
Wai Kiu	6	4	2
Black Cats	7	4	3
Residents' Union	6	3	3
Indian Police	5	2	3
Youths	6	2	4
Yu Leung	6	1	4
Bank Union	6	1	5
Ping Ching	6	1	5
Trojans	5	0	5
V.R.C.	6	0	6

SHANGHAI AQUATIC CHAMPIONS

Although the 1941 swimming season produced only one performance of an outstanding nature—T. S. Chie's magnificent record-breaking effort at the Rowing Club two weeks ago in the 880 yards free style—it will go down in local sports annals as an exceedingly competitive year, writes the "North China Daily News."

Complete results of 1941 championships follow:—

Men's Events

100 Yards Breast Stroke:—1, O. Grebenshikoff; 2, A. J. Dodd. Time: 76.3/5 seconds.

200 Yards Breast Stroke:—1, O. Grebenshikoff; 2, P. Chen. Time: 2 mins. 52.4/5 secs.

100 Yards Back Stroke:—1, E. Smith; 2, V. Matluk. Time: 70.4/5 secs.

150 Yards Back Stroke:—1, E. Smith; 2, V. Matluk. Time: 1 min. 54.4/5 secs.

150 Yards Medley Swim:—1, E. Smith; 2, R. Leonl. Time: 1 min. 54.3/5 secs.

50 Yards Free Style:—1, H. Ballerand; 2, R. Hekking. Time: 20.3/5 secs.

100 Yards Free Style:—1, R. Hekking; 2, R. Leonl. Time: 50.4/5 secs.

220 Yards Free Style:—1, R. Hekking; 2, T. S. Chie. Time: 2 mins. 37.3/5 secs.

440 Yards Free Style:—1, T. S. Chie; 2, R. Hekking. Time: 5 mins. 43.4/5 secs.

880 Yards Free Style:—1, T. S. Chie; 2, G. Stephen. Time: 11 mins. 54.3/5 secs. (New record).

Diving:—1, A. Griffiths; 2, W. Ward.

Ladies' Events

100 Yards Free Style:—1, Miss L. Hekking; 2, Miss Ling Mei-ling. Time: 75.4/5 secs.

50 Yards Free Style:—1, Miss L. Hekking; 2, Miss J. B. Peach. Time: 32.3/5 secs.

50 Yards Back Stroke:—1, Miss J. B. Peach; 2, Miss Hekking. Time: 39.4/5 secs.

50 Yards Breast Stroke:—1, Miss D. Gray; 2, Miss E. Resek. Time 41 secs.

Diving:—1, Miss L. Benghalt; 2, Miss L. Hekking.

Junior Events

220 Yards Free Style:—1, C. Butt; 2, J. Hyatt. Time: 2 mins. 41.3/5 secs.

100 Yards Free Style:—1, C. Butt; 2, J. Hyatt. Time: 01.4/5 secs.



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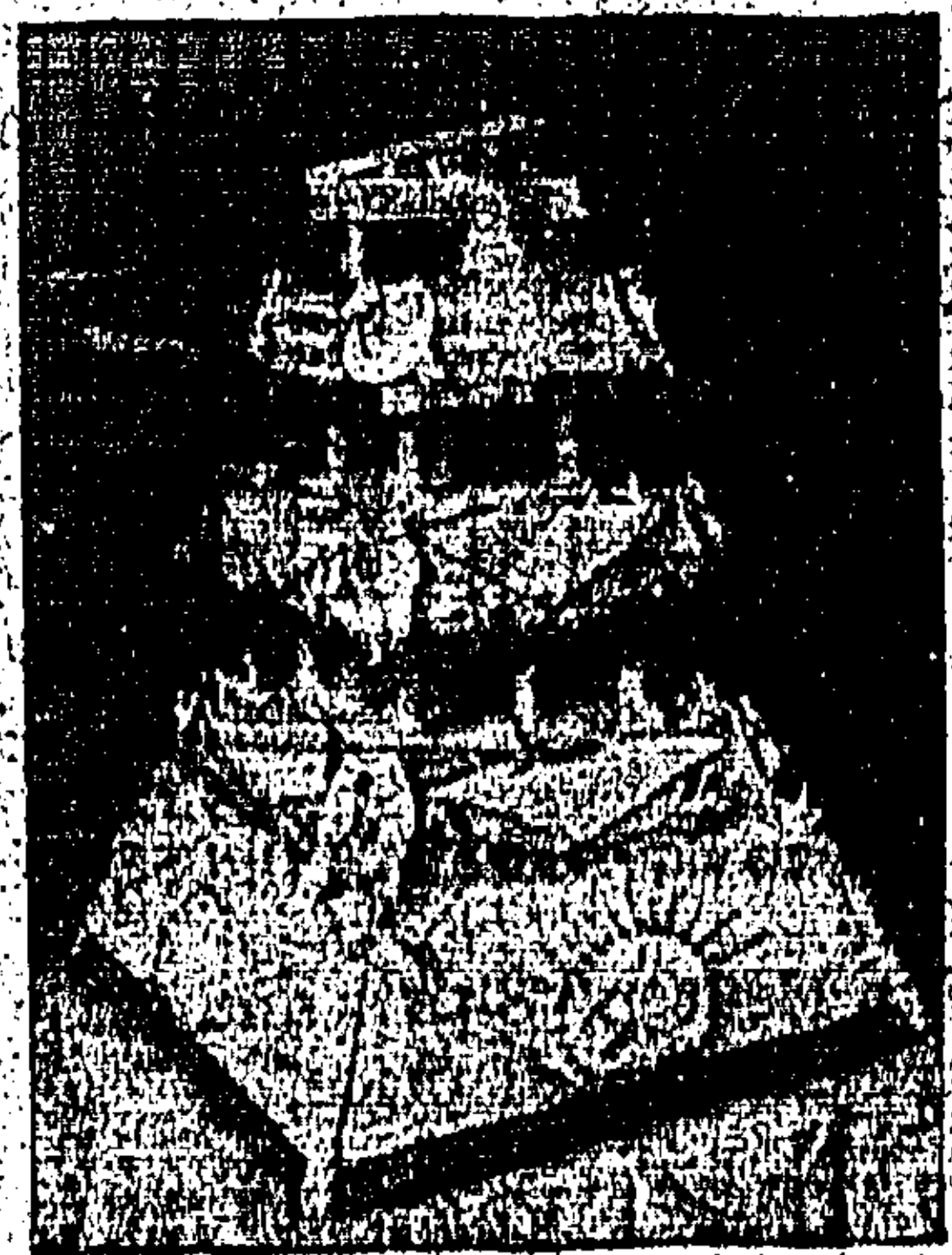
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DOCTOR TO JOIN MISSION TO MOSCOW

It was learned authoritatively in London yesterday that Mr. Winston Churchill has invited the President of the Royal College of Physicians, Sir Charles Wilson, to join the British Mission to Moscow.

Sir Charles will report to Mr. Churchill on the question of any medical aid that should be given to the U.S.S.R.—Reuter.

POLISH V.C. FOR WAVELL

GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD WAVELL HAS BEEN AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS OF VIRTUTI MILITARI, WHICH IS THE POLISH EQUIVALENT OF THE VICTORIA CROSS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

General Wavell had the Polish Carpathian Brigade under his command when he was Commander-in-Chief of the Middle East.

General Sikorski, addressing the Polish Motorised Artillery in the

Meaning Of New Burma Airfields

INCREASED AID for China and greater mobility of the Royal Air Force in the East is expected to result from the considerable progress recently made in the provision of new aerodromes and landing grounds in Burma.

Although built specifically for the extension of civil air lines in Burma, it is expected the new aerodromes will accelerate the transit of the growing flood of supplies for China arriving under the Lease and Lend procedure.

They will also play their part in the defence of Burma should the necessity arise, and will increase the mobility of the Royal Air Force.

In addition to the aerodromes and landing grounds already built, others are now being built and still others are planned.

The British Commander-in-Chief of the Far East, Air Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham who has been touring Burma inspecting the country's air and other defences, has already covered hundreds of miles by motor car as well as by plane.

He witnessed demonstration by one of the most modern and fastest fighters.

After that, accompanied by Lieut. General D. K. MacLeod, British Commander-in-Chief of Burma, he left for Lashio at the Burma end of the Burma-China Road.—Reuter.

United Kingdom on Sunday, revealed that the Carpathian Brigade was now actively engaged on one of the Middle East fronts.—Reuter.

HUNAN SITUATION EASIER

CONCERNING THE MILITARY SITUATION IN NORTHERN HUNAN, DR. WANG SHIH-CHIEH SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE JAPANESE HAD MASSED SOME 80,000 TROOPS FOR THE DRIVE, ABOUT HALF OF WHOM ARE NOW ENGAGED IN ACTUAL FIGHTING.

A fairly large portion of these troops, Dr. Wang added, succeeded in landing on the southern bank of the Milo River two days ago but latest field reports showed that the bulk of the Japanese had been beaten back with losses.

The Chinese made a flanking attack on the Japanese on Sunday and the result appeared to be satisfactory.—Central News.

GALLANT REARGUARD ACTION

(Continued from Page 1) efforts to continue fighting between the Dnieper and the Donetz and is concentrating on organising its retreating forces behind the latter river. "Field works and fortifications still in being have been abandoned."

Dniester Battle

Italian press reports states that Rumanian troops have taken Ovidiopolis, 25 miles to the southwest of Odessa, after heavy fighting and are now advancing along the coast towards Odessa.

Ovidiopolis is at the mouth of the Dniester which marks the old frontier between Rumania and the U.S.S.R.

Italy Obedient To Similar Instructions

A special correspondent of the Official Italian News Agency wired last night to Rome alleging that Marshal Budenny had withdrawn most of the army that escaped encirclement east of Kiev across the Donetz River.

The Soviet High Command, he added, evidently hoped to establish a new defence line on the east bank.

Midnight Communiqué

Following is the text of the Soviet midnight communiqué: "On September 22 our troops fought the enemy along the entire front. One hundred German planes were destroyed on September 20, including 28 brought down in air combats and 72 destroyed on the ground. We lost 21 aircraft.—Reuter."

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SLEEPER DEALINGS FOR A.R.P. Partners In Several Firms Testify War Tax Evasion Again Alleged

QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE OPERATIONS OF VARIOUS FIRMS, SOME OF THEM USING THE SAME OFFICE ADDRESS, SUPPLYING SLEEPERS FOR A.R.P. TUNNELS, WERE PUT TO SEVERAL CHINESE WITNESSES WHEN THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY RESUMED PUBLIC HEARING THIS MORNING.

ANOTHER U.S. SHIP TORPEDOED

THE U.S. NAVY DEPARTMENT HAS JUST ANNOUNCED THE SINKING OF A GOVERNMENT-OWNED SHIP BY A GERMAN U-BOAT.

SHE WAS THE "PINK STAR" OF 6,859 TONS, FLYING THE PANAMA FLAG, AND SHE WAS SUNK IN THE WATERS OFF ICELAND.—REUTER.

International News adds that the "Pink Star" was formerly the Danish ship "Lundby," which was taken over by the Maritime Commission for the United States Lines.

The sinking occurred about 200 miles from Iceland and it is officially disclosed that it occurred after President Roosevelt's warning. Vessels of the U.S. Navy are searching for survivors and for the U-boat responsible.—International News Service.

GIBRALTAR RAID SILENCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Admiralty has hitherto made no comment on the Italian claim to have penetrated the defences of Gibraltar.

Rome Radio last night described those who took part in this raid as "picked dare-devils of the Navy's suicide squadron," and repeated the claim that three liners were sunk in Gibraltar's inner harbour.

The vessels taking part were "tiny assault craft, catapult torpedo-boats, previously employed at Crete and Malta."

The commentators stated that this was "the first time a successful attack has been made on Gibraltar for more than a century."—International News Service.

To one witness, Mr. Justice Cressall (chairman) again suggested that one firm was set up as a dummy for the purpose of evading war taxation. The witness said that this company made a profit of \$4,000. Mr. Justice Cressall suggested that it was actually as high as \$50,000. He expressed the hope that the war taxation authorities would closely investigate the activities of the firms concerned in the sleeper deals.

K. C. Leung, who described himself as the proprietor of the Kin Wah Company, stated that some time ago he made an offer to sell a quantity of sleepers to Marsman's. Though the latter rejected the offer on the grounds that the sleepers were not suitable, they later bought some from the same lot that had been offered them from the Tai Lee Company.

Leung, in answer to the chairman, Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall, said that his company were import and export merchants, and further stated that prior to July 31, 1941, he was business manager of the National Development and Finance Corporation.

Chairman: When was that Company formed? — The preparations to form that Company began in July 1939 and the Company was formed, and business commenced, on July 1, 1940.

What was it formed for? — In connection with finance.

Did you ever buy any sleepers? — Yes.

When? — On July 16, 1940, we purchased 210,000 pieces.

You purchased those from Jardine Matheson's? — We bought them from Jardine Engineering.

And they were acting on behalf of the Chinese Government? — Yes.

Two Lots

How much did you pay for them? — We bought them in two lots. Of these 70,000 were selected and we paid \$2.90 each. The balance of 140,000 were not selected and the price was \$2.70.

Who did you sell those sleepers to? — To more than 20 firms, all of whom were timber merchants.

Can you mention some of them? — (Continued on Page 9)

JUST IN CASE

The Government of India, as a precaution, has advised all members of the public to carry the name and address of their next of kin or of any other person whom they would wish to be notified in the event of their becoming an air raid casualty.—Reuter.

LENINGRAD HITTING HARD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow appears to be quite unperturbed about the fall of Kiev, to the east of which German and Russian troops are still locked in savage action.

Marshal Budenny's main army is making an orderly withdrawal, covering the path to Kharkov.

In the central sector, a smashing Russian victory after an eight-day battle is claimed, Marshal Timoshenko having re-taken a vast fortified zone, including 32 villages.

Round Leningrad, Marshal Voroshilov is launching more frequent counter-attacks with growing success. The Finnish Press refers to the organising of an army at Vologda for a vigorous offensive to lift the siege of Leningrad.

It is officially stated that Leningrad's defences are stronger than ever, that the Germans have lost 40 per cent of their effectiveness in efforts to break through, and that General von Leeb has made no forward progress for a week.

MEANWHILE, THE GERMANS ARE MAKING THEIR CUSTOMARY CLAIMS, AND STATE ADDITIONALLY THAT FLAME-THROWERS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP TO SILENCE THE RUSSIAN DEFENCES AT ODESSA, WHICH IT IS ADMITTED HAVE PROVED IMPREGNABLE TO INFANTRY AND PANZER ASSAULTS.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

NAZI REPRISALS IN BELGIUM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Nazi reprisals are now proceeding in Belgium with 25 persons arrested following the assassination of two Nazi Gestapo agents at Tournai. It is officially announced that the prisoners are hostages and will be executed for further anti-Nazi attacks.—International News Service.

Bulgaria To Join War?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
THE "NEWS-CHRONICLE" QUOTES ROME RADIO AS AUTHORITY FOR A STATEMENT THAT BULGARIA HAS DECIDED TO JOIN THE AXIS IN A "HOLY WAR" AGAINST RUSSIA.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

PRICE CONTROL "URGENCY"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
President Roosevelt is sending a message to Congress urging the necessity for speedy action on the

JAPANESE LAND NEAR MACAO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Covered by warships and planes over 2,000 Japanese troops landed at Kwong Hoi, some 50 miles south-west of Macao, on Saturday and advanced inland in the direction of the district town, Toi-shan.

Reinforcements were landed on Sunday and the Japanese are now converging on the district town, the civilians of which are now being evacuated by the Chinese military authorities.

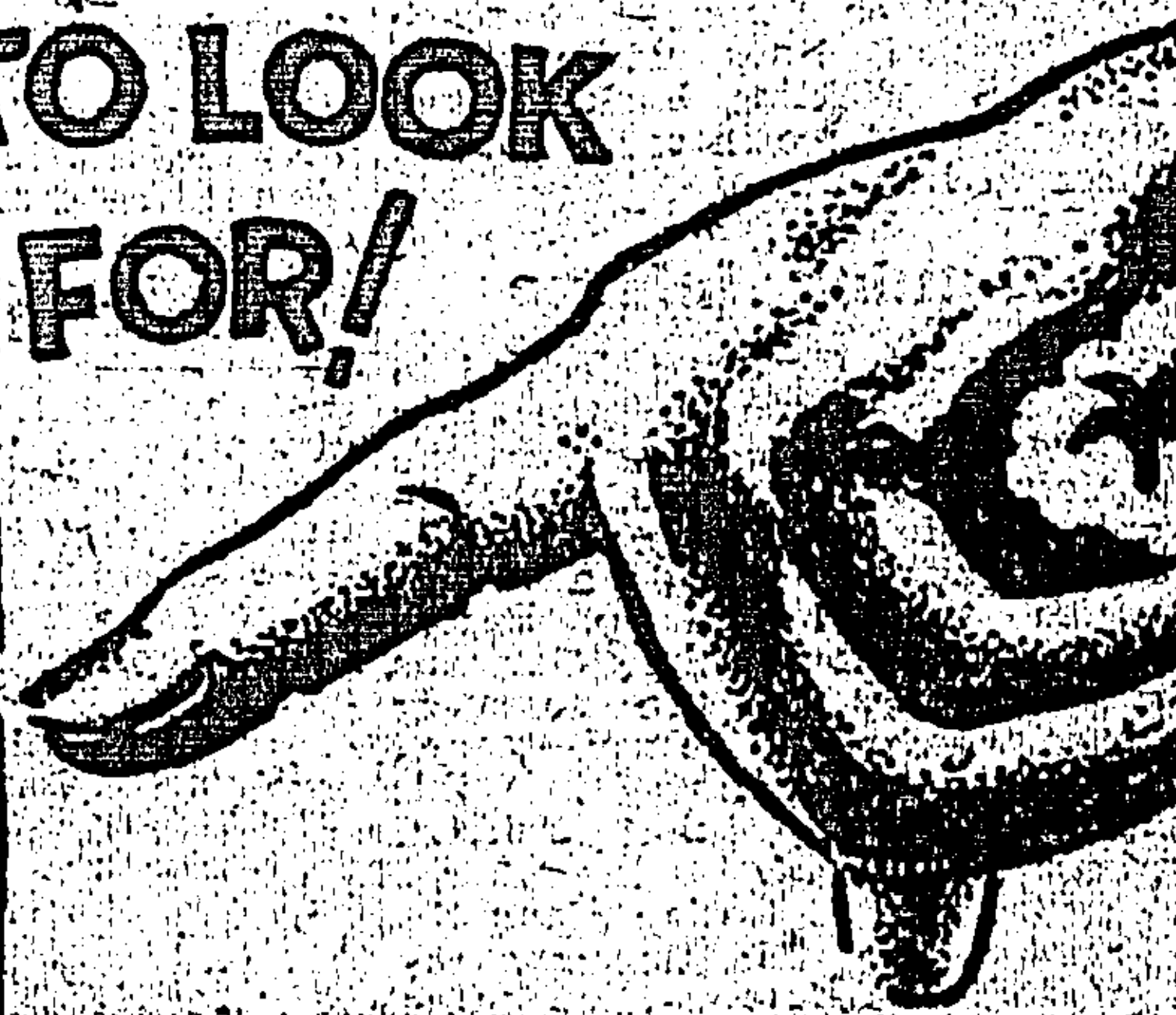
Several villages have fallen into the hands of the Japanese invaders who have suffered losses as a result of resistance put up by the Chinese Peace Preservation Corps and Village Guards.

It is reported that pillaging and raping is being repeated by the invaders.

The same territory was invaded by the Japanese in March last.—Our Own Correspondent.

Price Control legislation. The message points out that the matter is of the utmost importance for the consuming public.—International News Service.

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REUTER VISITS SOVIET FRONT

Desolate Yelnya Battlefield

Grim Evidences Of Heavy Fighting

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Russia, on the Yelnya Smolensk Front).

"I AM WRITING THIS DESPATCH FROM YELNYA, PRINCIPAL TOWN OF THE LARGE SALIENT WHICH THE RUSSIANS RE-CAPTURED AFTER SMASHING EIGHT GERMAN DIVISIONS IN A MONTH-LONG BATTLE WHICH PROVED ONE OF THE WAR'S FIERCEST STRUGGLES.

"It is now nearly a week since I left Moscow for the first trip to the front accorded to any foreign journalist. Since then I have travelled along many roads — often incredible roads — along the Smolensk sector of the Eastern front.

"One re-captured village I visited remains very vividly in my memory. Unlike so many others there are few houses still standing, but the only inhabitants were one peasant and three children, and one blind woman who had been rendered insane through the experiences through which she had passed.

"I saw her wandering through, carrying from place to place her only possessions — one pail, one sheepskin and a few pathetic rags.

"But the three children were already busy digging up the potatoes from the recaptured fields.

Hereabouts, and to the east, the countryside was devastated by the Germans before they were driven out by the Russian pincer movement further west.

"The result of this pincer movement was that thousands of Germans were killed or captured, while other German forces were compelled to withdraw rapidly from the bottle-neck, abandoning strong positions and masses of equipment.

Yelnya Ruin

"The Germans are now 11 miles from Yelnya and are being driven further away. Smolensk is still in German hands, but the Russians are not very far off. In Yelnya the only building relatively intact is one church.

The remainder of this town, which formerly had 6,000 inhabitants, now consists mainly of a few chimney stacks and heaps of rubble and ashes.

"A large number of inhabitants, trapped by the sudden arrival of the Germans, were formed into forced labour gangs and sent to the German rear, and nobody knows what has happened to them, though some escaped into the woods or managed to reach the Russian lines, while others are still trickling back, though there is nowhere in town left for them to live in.

Burning Inferno

"When the Germans decided to evacuate the town on the night of September 4, they ordered the remaining few hundred inhabitants, mostly old people and children, to assemble inside a church which they locked up. Before leaving the town, the Germans systematically set fire to every house which had so far escaped destruction, and it was into this burning inferno that Russian troops re-entered.

"I travelled to-day along the road where the Germans retreated before abandoning Yelnya. I started in the morning from Dorogobuzh which had never been in German hands, but which was almost completely destroyed by terror raids during the month of July. "It was uncanny, driving in the darkness, through an unknown town with the silhouettes of nothing but burnt out houses with the sky showing through all the windows — like skulls instead of faces.

"After wading through deep mud, I at last reached an Army

hut where I was given supper by the local commander and put up on heaps of straw. I will tell about the Russian officers later.

Devastation

"This morning I drove across a town that looked like a devastated piece of Stepney. The Army was generally taking care of the people whose homes had been burned, but in the villages around life seemed to go on, strangely normally despite the fact that many thatched roofs have been blown away by the blast, and there were many craters in the roadside.

"There were pigs, geese and hens on the roads, but things were different on entering a country which had either been No Man's Land or occupied by the Germans who had systematically destroyed or taken away all livestock which there had not been time to evacuate before they arrived.

In No Man's Land, one of the fiercest battles had been fought in wide fields of over-ripe flax and rye still uncut. I got to a village which had been the centre of this battle. Nothing was left of it but a few burned stumps.

Labyrinth Of Trenches

"Called Ushakovo, it stands on an advantageous height overlooking a semi-circle of woods a couple of miles distant which was held by the Russians. The Germans made this village their stronghold, but it was the Russians who advanced, step by step, digging themselves as they advanced during several weeks from three directions until the Germans were finally forced to withdraw.

"Allotments round and through Ushakovo were a labyrinth of German trenches. Some 500 yards distant, were lines—rapidly constructed by night—of Russian trenches and in between these were indentations where the advancing Russian soldiers ducked when approaching the German lines.

"The terrain occupied by the Germans was like a lunar landscape with shell craters proving the accuracy of Russian artillery.

Mournful Scene

The fierceness of the battle was shown by the large mound fenced off and decorated with fir branches and wild flowers where hundreds of Russian soldiers were buried. "German bodies filled numerous shell-holes now covered up. Around this mournful scene, uncut rye fields and potato patches grown by peasants in the now non-existent village were whipped by the autumn rain.

"The ground was littered with German equipment and newspa-

CALL FOR MAXIMUM EFFORT

DR. HENRY GRADY, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPECIAL ECONOMIC INVESTIGATOR IN THE FAR EAST, IN BOMBAY ON HIS WAY TO COLOMBO, TOLD REUTER THAT THE PART OF THE WORLD REPRESENTED BY INDIA, BURMA, MALAYA, THE N.E.I., THE PHILIPPINES AND SOUTH CHINA, WAS HIGHLY IMPORTANT IN RESPECT OF RAW MATERIALS BOTH MINERAL AND VEGETABLE.

It was, therefore, tremendously important that this area should make the fullest contribution by intensifying its production of the materials needed for war production.

Emphasising the need for a maximum effort, Dr. Grady said that while the tide seemed to be turning against the Axis at present, it would be a vital mistake to be complacent, because complacency has been the cause of the failure of many countries conquered by the Nazis.—Reuter.

MORE WOMEN TO REGISTER

All women born in 1914 are required to register on September 27 under the Registration for Employment Order. — British Wireless.

INTER-ALLIED CONFERENCE IN LONDON

THE MAIN ITEMS for debate at the forthcoming inter-Allied conference in London will, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, probably be:—

- (1) the Atlantic Charter, signed by Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt.
- (2) Plans for post-war reconstruction in all the allied countries.

pers, tin hats and even, letters still legible despite the rain. There was also the wreckage of a German armoured car and the carcass of a horse.

"A couple of miles north was a German observation post—a quarry sliced into the side of a hill with well-made galleries and dug-outs furnished with furniture stolen from the villages. Above this were the German artillery positions.

It was a stronghold protected by a stream, and the construction of it as well as the equipment, left behind left the impression of great thoroughness and efficiency.

"This position was clearly hastily abandoned when the bottleneck further west threatened to close in altogether.—Reuter.

ANOTHER LETTER FROM KONOYE?

Replying to a question by newspapermen yesterday whether another letter has been received by President Roosevelt from the Japanese Prime Minister, Prince Konoze, Mr. Cordell Hull said he had no information about it.—Reuter.

ABLE TO MEET ALL DEMANDS

THE UNITED STATES DEFENCE PROGRAMME HAS REACHED A POINT WHERE IT IS ABLE TO MEET ALL DEMANDS FOR TANKS, SMALL GUNS AND AMMUNITION, DECLARED MR. WILLIAM KNUDSEN, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE OFFICE OF PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT, IN CHICAGO YESTERDAY.

Calling for still greater effort, he declared, that it was time for the country to "get behind the armament programme and see it through regardless of the sacrifices we may have to make in our comfortable standard of living.

"I think it behooves us all to wake up."—Reuter.

INSPECTOR ROBBED

Inspector A. L. Hopkins, of No. 150, Caine Road, has reported the theft of two cameras, a fountain pen, and a cigarette lighter, to the total value of \$177.50, between 12.15 and 7 a.m. yesterday.

New Height In Boldness

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Anti-Japanese terrorism reached new heights of boldness in Shanghai yesterday afternoon when a Japanese civilian named Shimada was critically wounded in Nanking Road, the city's main thoroughfare.

The shooting occurred at the height of business activity when a lone gunman opened fire on the victim walking on the pavement. The crowded street was thrown into panic by the sounds of shots.

One bullet struck Shimada in the side and other slightly wounded a Chinese pedestrian.

While the crowd stood petrified, the gunman calmly walked away.

Shimada is in a serious condition in hospital.—International News Service.

HUNT HELPED FLYING

There is no record that the packs of hounds taken by British Regiments to the Continent contributed in any way to Wellington's successes over Napoleon. But it can be truthfully stated that the Habbaniya Hunt helped the Royal Air Force to find and destroy Iraqi rebel positions.

In normal times the Habbaniya Hunt, boasting a number of couples of English foxhounds, hunted jackals all over the surrounding desert. To members of the Hunt, with an eye for country, the neighbourhood of Habbaniya ceased to be more miles of anonymous wilderness and acquired scores of readily identifiable features.

This knowledge was invaluable in the air. Observation from any altitude is difficult enough over desert country and miracles of camouflage can be performed with a few yards of fabric and an abundance of sand. But to be able to tell, by recognising a clump of rock, that there is a deep wadi round the corner which might be the very hide-out which the Iraqi had chosen for their gun or dump, made the airman's problem less difficult by half.

Thus Habbaniya's "John Peels" made many finds.

THOUSANDTH COMMUNAL RESTAURANT

The one thousandth "British Restaurant" was opened yesterday by Lord Woolton.

In a speech the food Minister said that although the enemy had done his best for two years, Britain was still in the war and in spite of some disasters, better equipped than before.

The restaurant opened by Lord Woolton seats 250 people and provides two course meals—meat, two vegetables, sweet and a cup of tea—at prices from tenpence to one shilling. — British Wireless.

Indications Of Orderly Soviet Withdrawal At Kiev

Loss Serious But Far From Fatal

IT WOULD BE IDLE, WRITES ANNALIST, TO DENY THAT THE LOSS OF KIEV IS A SERIOUS BLOW TO RUSSIA.

The destruction and wreckage of this beautiful old town is a loss to civilisation, but it is far from being a knock-out blow either to the Soviet forces in general or to those of Marshal Budenny in particular.

Tripoli Shipping Attacked

A series of successful attacks have been made on enemy shipping in the region of Tripoli, states the R.A.F. Middle East communique.

In one of these attacks, carried out by bombers of the Royal Air Force, one large schooner received several direct hits and the crew immediately abandoned the ship, which was left a mass of flames.

Another schooner, after being hit, blew up with such terrific force that one of our aircraft making the attack was destroyed by the blast.

On September 20, one heavily-laden merchant ship off Kerkennah was bombed, set on fire and left sinking. An enemy destroyer off Tripoli was successfully attacked.

Benghazi was raided on the night of September 20/21 by heavy bombers of the R.A.F., several hits being scored on the central and outer moles. From these operations, two of our aircraft are missing.—Reuter.

Low Level Attack

An Air Ministry bulletin supplements the news of the attack on enemy shipping in Tripoli harbour announced in the R.A.F. Middle East communique.

The extraordinarily low level from which the attack was delivered is revealed.

The Wing Commander who was leading the attack returned again at dusk and carried out a daring attack on an enemy war vessel. Both attacks were made from a few feet high.

The morning attack was pressed home through a hail of flak from all angles but direct hits were made on a liner of more than twenty thousand tons and 8,000-ton supply ships.

The Wing Commander, describing his second raid, said "We flew along Tripoli coast just after the sun had set. Twilight had nearly gone. We saw about a couple of miles off the two warships—one, either a small cruiser or a large destroyer, and another a destroyer—silhouetted against the sky. The larger vessel was playing searchlights on the water on the far side from us as we approached.

We flew towards her at less than a dozen feet. We let go our bombs from short range and the air gunner sprayed her decks from stem to stern. Sparks flew from the deck as I pulled up above the ship's masts. The whole salvo had struck amidships just below the funnel and as it turned away, the observer saw several bombs bursting in the ship. The destroyer opened fire on us but burst into flames immediately after the attack.

"When we were three hundred yards away all lights went out on the bombed ship. We headed for home and from ten miles away, flying at sea level, we could still see columns of smoke rising from the warship."—British Wire-Press.

It shows that if a determined commander is prepared to pay the price, he can achieve very considerable successes, but the price at Kiev must have been appallingly high and the question is bound to arise sooner or later, How often will the Germans be able to afford it?

With the conquest of each strong position a new one seems to rear itself before the German advance and new armies appear which show the same undaunted resolution of those who have fallen back after inflicting the maximum of punishment on the enemy.

German Figures

It is significant that the Germans seized the moment of the capture of Kiev to publish their first detailed list of alleged losses in the first three months of the campaign. Although 400,000 casualties are admitted, the figures are regarded by experts to be ridiculously low, and it is evident that the High Command waited for some success to sugar the pill before they dared to make any announcement.

There is no further news as to the fighting round Leningrad or in the vicinity of Smolensk.

Further south, the Germans appear to be aiming at Rostov in the mouth of the Don, but Khar'kov is more likely to be the next important target as it would threaten the whole of the Donetz Basin.—Reuter.

SWEETIE PIE TO MARRY

Sweetie Pie, or as she is formally known in private life—Sister Lilian Mary Gutteridge, is to be married.

Sister Gutteridge is the Stockton-on-Tees girl who, at the outbreak of war, volunteered for service became a Florence Nightingale to the wounded men in the retreat to Dunkirk.

She saw the ship on which she and her patients were to be evacuated sunk, and for three days she tended them ashore.

Miss Gutteridge, who was posted to Palestine after Dunkirk, is to be married at St. George's Cathedral, Jerusalem, to Superintendent James Loftus O'way, of the Tribal Guard, Aden, and formerly of the C.I.D. at Jerusalem.

ON LEAVE IN STately HOMES

NAVAL MEN ASHORE ON SHORT LEAVE MAY SOON FIND THEMSELVES DOMICILED FOR A WHILE IN ONE OR OTHER OF THE "STately HOMES OF ENGLAND."

Capt. R. W. Blacklock, a liaison officer on the welfare side, told a Royal Society of Arts audience that the Admiralty was taking over country houses, to which ratings could go for 48 hours' complete rest while their ships are in port for refit. Sailors' societies will manage these hostels.

The Admiralty is also requisitioning various buildings and sailors' societies and philanthropic places for naval personnel.



Flying at times less than 100ft from the ground a strong force of "Blenheim" aircraft of the R.A.F. Bomber Command delivered a daylight attack upon two great power stations near Cologne on August 12. One of the targets was Fortuna Power Station and this photograph shows how the pilots flew their aircraft almost at ground level to press home the attack. Photo shows a general view of bomb bursts on the target photographed from an attacking aircraft.

IRAN'S CABINET RECONSTITUTED

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

SEVEN NEW Ministers are included in the reconstituted Iranian Cabinet which the Prime Minister, Mr. Foroughi, presented to Parliament.

The remaining four Ministers were in the make-shift Cabinet formed after the cessation of Persian military resistance, and the most important of the new Ministers are:—

Foreign Affairs: Ali Sahaili, formerly Minister of the Interior and one-time Ambassador to Kabul;

War: General Ahmed Nakhjavan, whom the Shah dismissed from the War Ministry and threw into prison when the cease-fire order was given;

Interior: General Amanollah Jahanbani, who was educated in Russia and whom the Shah two years ago, in a moment of rage, dismissed from the Ministry of Industry and deprived of his generalship;

Education: Dr. Issa Sadig, educated at Cambridge, Paris and Columbia University.

The new Cabinet is regarded as politically strong. The two emissaries, sent by the Government to the ex-Shah at Isfahan, have now returned bearing a letter in which the ex-Shah cedes all his property in Iran to the Iranian people.

HE STILL RETAINS HIS ENORMOUS WEALTH DEPOSITED IN FOREIGN BANKS, MOSTLY IN AMERICA, AND THIS IS ESTIMATED BY SOME IRANIANS TO TOTAL NEARLY £45,000,000.—REUTER.

ARMY STUDS PUNCTURE CAR TYPES

Soldiers' boot-studs coming adrift in main road route marches are puncturing many motor-car tyres which wayside garages, busy with other work, have no time to repair.

A West Country garage owner told the "Daily Mirror": "We have had twenty-five puncture jobs in three days and twenty-two were caused by boot-studs of the Army type. All I have left to do this sort of work is a fifteen-year-old boy."

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18B Prisoners Stay Another Year

THE GOVERNMENT took power yesterday to hold for another year 762 people detained under Defence Regulation 18B.

This was the effect of a motion moved in the House of Commons by the Under-Secretary to the Home Office.

The whole operation of the Emergency Powers Act is extended for one year.

The Under-Secretary said: "It is a great pain and grief to me that I am not able to give M.P.s the detailed information upon which these people have been detained."

"But they will see that where you are detaining persons without charge, it is unfair to pass on to anyone the grounds of suspicion, for it is only suspicion upon which they are being held."

Foreign Control

Altogether, 1,779 orders for detention had been made.

Of the 762 still detained, 292 were members of organisations subject to foreign influence.

Mr. Lees-Smith (Soc., Kebley) said: "It is not a criminal offence to have been a Fascist, though you may be a potential danger in time of war."

"They are not the kind of people we want to have wandering about in time of invasion. That is why this special power is necessary."

Why In Prison?

Mr. Maxton (I.L.P., Bridgton) said of the case against Captain Ramsey, M.P.: "I have read the thing fairly closely and I can see nothing in the evidence that leads me to think that he ought to be shut in a prison. (Laughter.)"

BABIES IN A TRUNK

WHEN EVA KIRBY, AGED 28, CHARWOMAN, OF WALCOTT STREET, HULL, WAS SENTENCED TO 10 MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT AT YORK ASSIZES ON THE CHARGE OF MAN-SLAUGHTER OF HER FEMALE CHILD, IT WAS STATED THAT CHILDREN PLAYING IN AN EMPTY HOUSE FOUND THE BODIES OF THREE BABIES IN A TRUNK.

Kirby, who formerly lived in the house, said she put the baby concerned in the charge in the trunk when she found it was dead, but denied any knowledge of the other two. The police described her as a quiet, inoffensive woman very fond of children.

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KIDNAPPING CHARGE

Pending further inquiries, Chan Siu-king, 42, widow, was remanded for three days by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning on a charge of kidnapping a five-year-old boy, the son of Wong Mei-ngor, 32, married woman, last Tuesday.

Amongst the Greek Royal party which arrived in Britain yesterday were Princess Aspasia and her daughter, Princess Alexandra. — British Wireless.

TANKS FOR RUSSIA DRIVE: M. MAISKY SEES ENTHUSIASM

THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR to Britain, M. Maisky, visited tank factories in the Midlands yesterday to receive the first tanks in the "Tanks for Russia Week."

Madame Maisky named the first tank which was of the Valentine type "Stalin."

The Ambassador expressed gratitude for "these very excellent machines" on behalf of himself, his country and people and more particularly "on behalf of those brave Red Army men who will man these tanks in the battlefield."

He said they would not rust in idleness.

Immediately following the ceremony, the tanks rumbled off to the docks on the "first stage of their journey to Russia. On some tanks nearing completion were painted or chalked the names of Karl Marx, Lenin, Timoshenko, Budenny and Voroshilov.

One tank almost ready for delivery already bore these words "Moscow here I come."

Rush 'Em For Russia

As soon as the Ambassador's train pulled into Midlands' station, M. Maisky saw two Valentine tanks one flying the Union Jack and the other the Red Flag.

They were covered with posters announcing "Tanks for Russia—Every Second counts."

Touring the factory the Ambassador saw slogans such as "Another one for Joe," and "Rush 'em for Russia."

The workmen told the Ambassador that they were working 66½ hours a week to turn out weapons for Russia. The first factory visited had a Red Flag fluttering from the roof.

"It looks to me a very efficient factory," said M. Maisky, "and the reception we got was very enthusiastic."

Great Inspiration

He noticed all slogans and Russian names printed on the sides of the tanks "and this was a great inspiration to me. I know the Midlands as a very great and active industrial centre and I am not surprised at the great production going on."

"We are satisfied that the workers are doing their best to turn out tanks for Russia and they seem very enthusiastic. We want these tanks to get to Russia as soon as possible and we want as many as you can send. We will use all of them and in any quantities."

Record Increase Likely

THAT THE "TANKS FOR RUSSIA WEEK" WILL SHOW A RECORD INCREASE IN PRODUCTION IS INDICATED BY REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY LAST NIGHT FROM ALL FACTORIES MAKING TANKS AND TANK COMPONENTS.

After M. Maisky had told the workers at one factory "we will go on fighting to the end, until our enemy is crushed for ever," the works manager mounted a tank and asked the workers: "What is your answer?"

"More tanks," they chorused. Madame Maisky, in this factory, named three Valentine tanks: "Molotov," "Timoshenko" and "Budenny." — Reuter.

"WRENS" PREFER MEN

When Sir Francis Fremantle (Con., St. Albans) questioned the Financial Secretary to the Admiralty about the use of women medical officers in the Navy, the Financial Secretary said that the W.R.N.S. was recently circularised on the matter, and only 2½ per cent. had expressed a wish to have women doctors. (Cheers and laughter.)

"That shows how reactionary the Navy is," called out Dr. Edith Summerskill.

DAKAR DEFIANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE VICHY-APPOINTED GOVERNOR-GENERAL, M. BOISSON, WHO COMMANDED AT DAKAR AGAINST LAST YEAR'S ATTACK ON THE PORT BY THE FREE FRENCH, STATED YESTERDAY THAT PLANS ARE COMPLETE TO DEFEND DAKAR AGAINST ANY ATTACKER.

He declared that West Africa would remain French and ready to defend itself "against any repetition of naval aggression."

Asked if the French had reckoned with the possibility of an American attack, M. Boisson replied: "I am not a prophet."

It has long been rumoured that the Germans are using Dakar as a base for the operations of "mystery submarines" against convoys. — International News Service.

VICEROY OF INDIA'S TERM EXTENDED

It is officially announced in London that the term of office of the Viceroy of India, Lord Linlithgow, has been extended for a further period, until April 1943.—Reuter.

POLICE CHARGED WITH THEFT

A Chinese Police Constable, No. C871, Ho Kau, attached to the No. 7 Police Station, and a Police Reservist, Lau Yau-tung, 25, of No. 340, Des Voeux Road West, were charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with larceny of a bag of wolfram ore, valued at \$140, from Wong Shiu-yuk, 32, shop keeper.

Accused were formally remanded for a week. Bail of \$250 was allowed.

Hearing was fixed for October 8, at 2.30 p.m.

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MESS QUARTERS



"STATE OF SIEGE" DENIED

No state of siege has been declared in Bulgaria, says an official Sofia announcement quoted by the Rome Radio yesterday.—Reuter.

(The Ankara Radio last Friday described it as a "state of emergency.")

STEAM LAUNDRY DISPUTE SETTLED

All workers employed by the Steam Laundry Company reported for work this morning, despite a threat to strike unless two dismissed employees were reinstated. According to the Secretary of the Company no trouble is expected.

Menace Of The Old School Tie

THE GREATEST menace to Britain is the continuance of the old school tie predominance in politics, according to Captain Cunningham-Reid, ex-Varsity man and Conservative M.P. for St. Marylebone.

Captain Cunningham-Reid, an "old boy" of University College, London, and Clare College, Cambridge, said this in the House of Commons when he made a slashing attack on the activities of the Whips' Office.

A practice had developed, he said that overlooked inefficiency providing the offender conformed to the standard of the "Margesson school"—a system whereby the discipline of Government Ministers and supporters was controlled by the Whips.

The Chief Whip was not likely to recommend to the Prime Minister of the day that some brilliant stormy petrel with the strength of his convictions should be given a Government appointment.

That was why the present Prime Minister, Lord Beaverbrook and, he understood, the late Lord Rothermere were constantly ex-

cluded from succeeding Governments.

The Whips Office, being the main stepping-stone to all other Government appointments, was it surprising that many key positions were held by "jolly good fellows" whose ability was indifferent?

Break Up Old Boys

There were first-class men in the House who did not conform to these conventions.

No man worked harder to keep the present Prime Minister out of office than Captain Margesson, who was Chief Whip for many years.

"It is very difficult," added Captain Cunningham-Reid, "to teach old dogs new tricks, and only a few of these old dogs are likely to learn new tricks. Fresh minds with new tricks are likely to win this war."

Is it not time that the Baldwin-Chamberlain old boys' re-union was broken up and replaced by all and sundry, regardless of the colour of their ties, providing they are of outstanding ability in their own particular sphere and possess the necessary thoroughness and ruthlessness to better the Hun?

SOVIET ALREADY REPAYING LOAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, has announced that the Russians have already sent more than £5,000,000 in gold to pay part of the £10,000,000 negotiated more than a month ago.

The loan was paid by the Treasury and is to be paid back in 90 days from August 15. — International News Service.

PETTY THIEVES WORK IN GANG

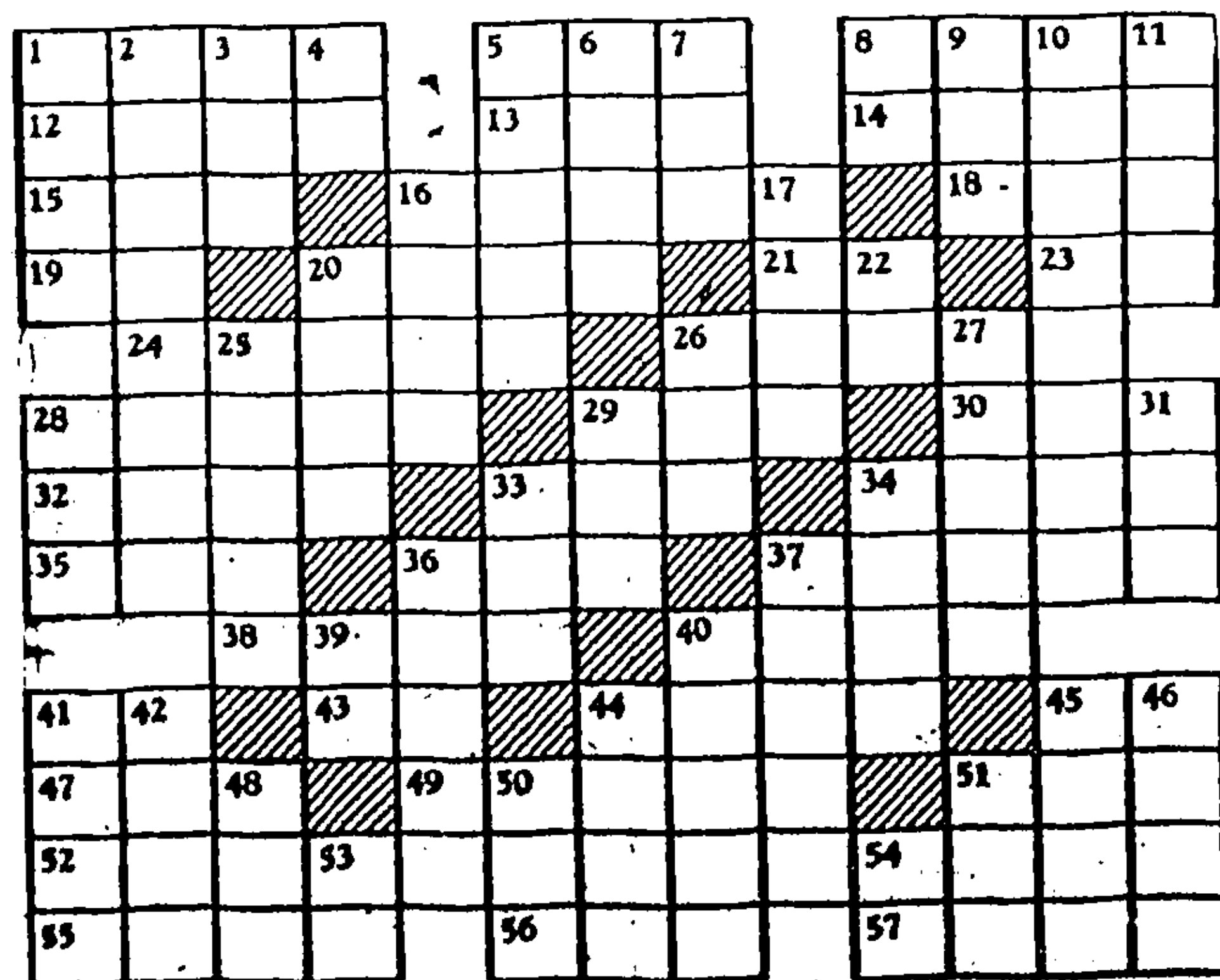
Six months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, on Choi Kam-fai, 17, unemployed, for stealing \$3 from Miss Cheng Sau-fong, of No. 162, Hennessy Road, first floor, yesterday.

It was alleged that accused, with three others not in custody, snatched the money from Miss Cheng in Hennessy Road. Detective Sergeant J. Bentley prosecuted.

THEFT OF WIRING

Wong Ka-ko, 26, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for the theft of electric wire from No. 7, Village Road, the residence of Mr. Oscar Guttinger.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



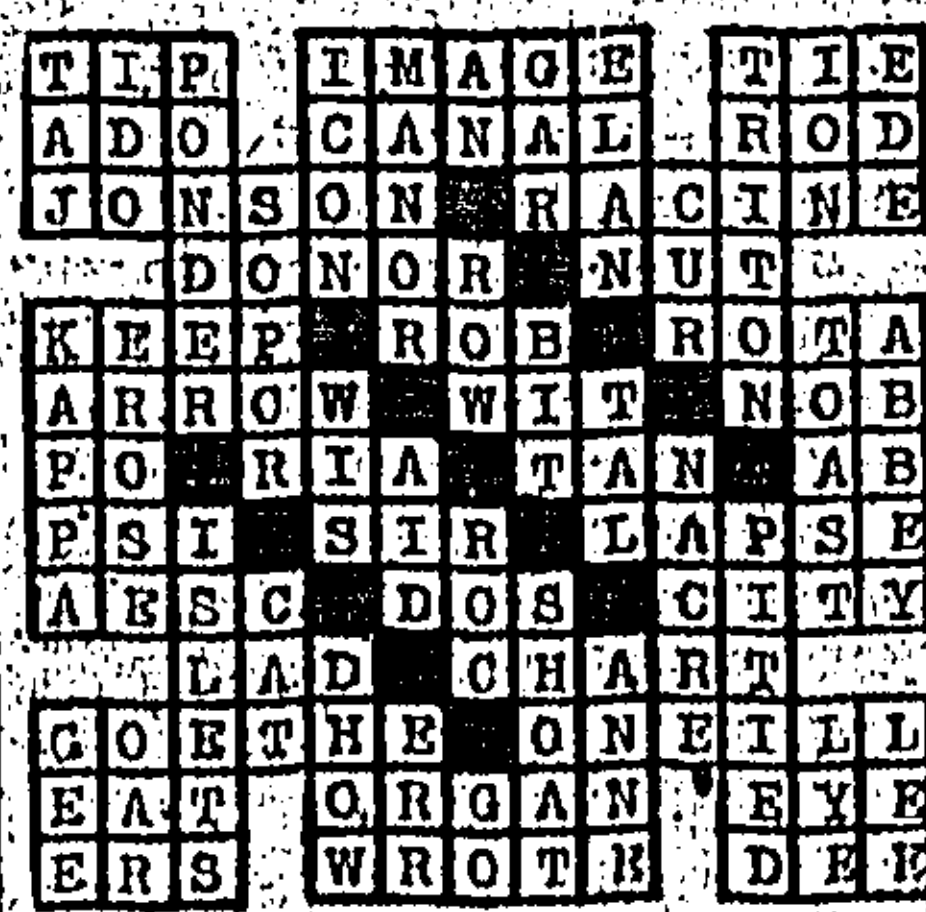
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- 1 Arabian seaport
- 5 Craze
- 8 Scandinavian ptarmigan
- 12 Cuban drink
- 13 Former Turkish officer
- 14 Pain
- 15 Worm
- 16 Small fragment
- 18 Head organ
- 19 Ninety
- 20 Openwork fabric
- 21 Cooled lava
- 23 Not at all
- 24 Stout
- 26 Place of meeting
- 28 Thick soup
- 29 To abet
- 30 Woodland deity
- 32 Burden
- 33 To be obliged to
- 34 Pink
- 35 Pronoun
- 36 Fruit drink
- 37 Parallelogram
- 38 Gargantuan
- 40 To look stily
- 41 Note of scale
- 43 Colloquial father
- 44 Wind instrument

VERTICAL

- 1 Summit
- 2 To disregard
- 3 Being
- 4 Symbol for sodium
- 5 Light
- 6 Dramatic composition
- 8 Chills and fever
- 7 Water barrier
- 9 Sun god
- 10 Frozen water

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



10 Illusory appearance

- 11 Colloquial: air vehicle
- 16 Instance
- 17 Poet
- 20 Dregs
- 22 Cry of sorrow
- 23 Skirmish
- 26 To equal
- 27 Humorous: ghost
- 28 Hawaiian food
- 29 Fear
- 31 Bird's beak
- 33 Poem
- 34 Daughter of Uranus
- 36 Golden-breasted trumpeter
- 37 Ancient musical instrument
- 39 Above
- 40 Rhythmic beating of the arteries
- 41 Fraud
- 42 Isles off Eire
- 44 Archaic: to believe
- 45 Dye plant
- 46 Diplomacy
- 48 Yawl
- 50 Dutch commune
- 51 Anthropoid
- 53 Man's nickname
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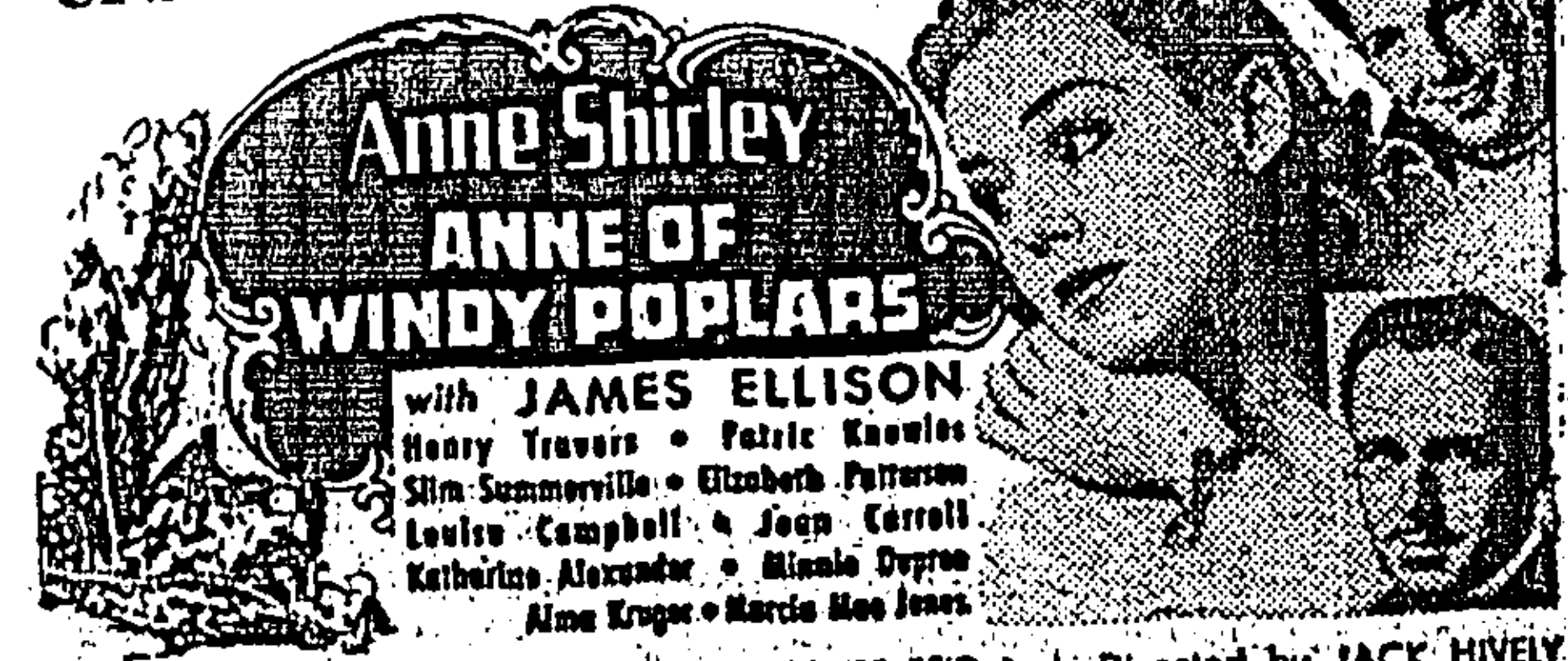
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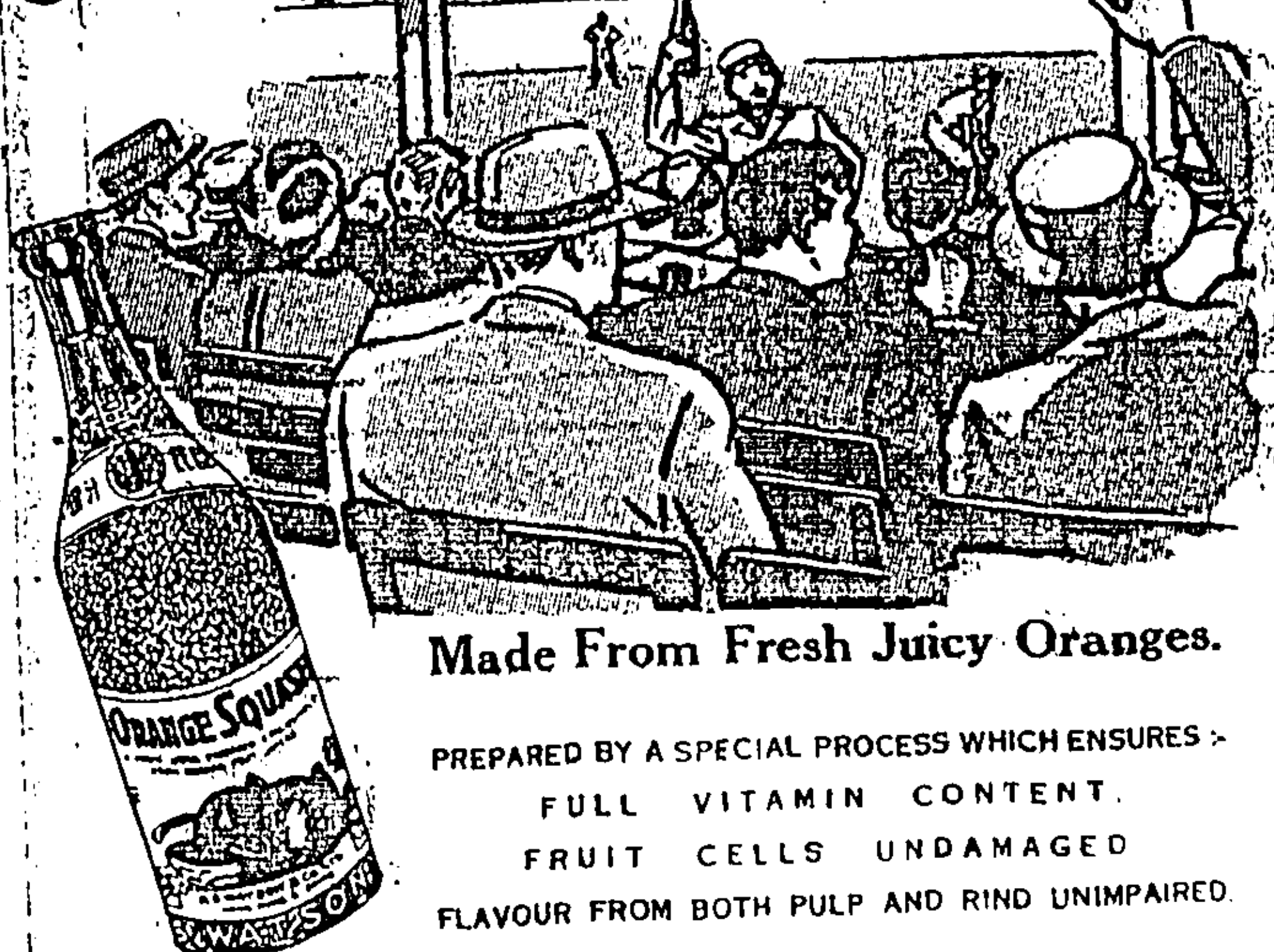
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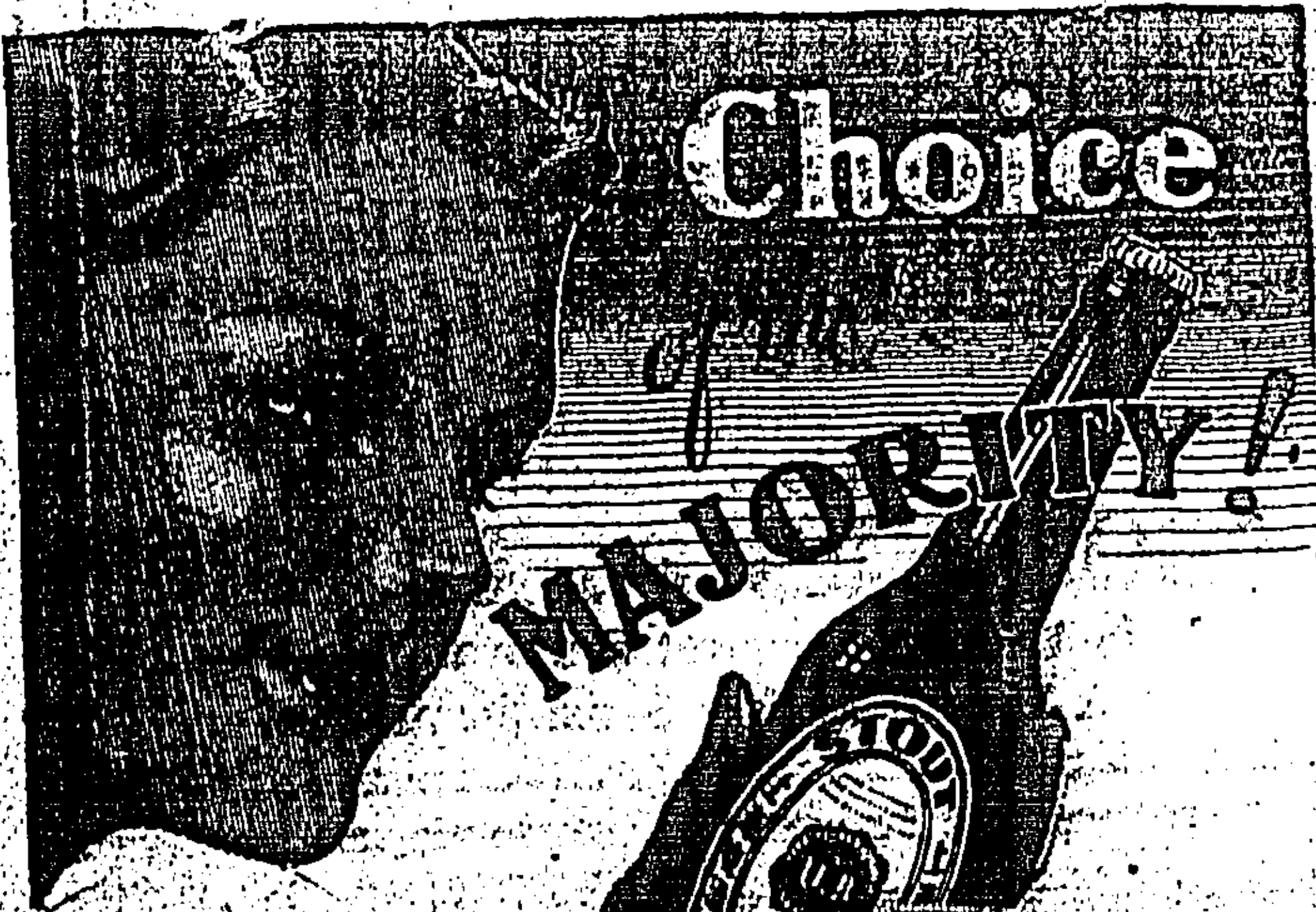
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RETREAT TO DON ALLEGED BY NAZIS

FOLLOWING THE STATEMENT ANNOUNCED BY MOSCOW AND THE GERMAN REPORT THAT KIEV, THE CAPITAL OF THE UKRAINE IS IN A STATE OF "INDESCRIBABLE DEVASTATION" INTEREST IN LONDON IS FOCUSED UPON THE SAVAGE FIGHTING WHICH IS PROCEEDING EAST OF THE CITY.

Here regulars of the Soviet Army supplemented by detachments of the Home Guard are reported to be fighting a gallant rear-guard action. Reports on the outcome of this fighting are keenly awaited in London.

ITALY LOSES BIG LINERS

Destruction of two Italian liners and damage to a third Italian liner was announced by the Admiralty yesterday afternoon in London.

The communique reads: "On Thursday (September 18), submarines of the Mediterranean Fleet on patrol in the Central Mediterranean successfully attacked a fast and heavily escorted Italian convoy carrying reinforcements to Libya.

"The convoy consisted of three liners. Two have been destroyed. It is probable that the third was damaged.

"ONE OF THE LINERS IN THIS CONVOY WAS SIMILAR TO THE STEAMER 'VULCANIA' OF 24,469 TONS. THE OTHER TWO LINERS WERE OF APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TONNAGE. — REUTER.

ESCAPED IN CANOE

FIVE YOUNG FRENCHMEN WHO ESCAPED FROM FRANCE IN A FRAIL CANOE AND AFTER STRUGGLING FOR 30 HOURS IN THE CHANNEL LANDED AT EASTBOURNE LAST WEEK, WERE RECEIVED YESTERDAY BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND MRS. CHURCHILL AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE, NO. 10, DOWNING STREET.

The Frenchmen were still clad in a variety of clothing.

One wore white duck trousers and a pair of wooden sabots.

Another wore blue shorts.

Others wore golf jackets and plus fours and were still showing evidence of the daring voyage across the Channel.

Mr. Churchill gave a toast "Vive la France." Later the visitors left to join General de Gaulle's Free French Force. — Reuter.

RICE THEFT

DUNCAN ARTHUR HINGURT, 41, OF CEYLON, DESCRIBED AS A STORE KEEPER, WAS SENTENCED TO THREE MONTHS' HARD LABOUR BY MAJOR A. N. MACFADYEN AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING FOR STEALING THREE SACKS OF RICE FROM A VESSEL AT KOWLOON DOCKS YESTERDAY.

Accused was alleged to have stolen the rice from the ship and was about to transfer them to a sampan when he was arrested by a private watchman.

Accused had made an arrangement for the sale of the rice at \$15 per bag.

Meanwhile, the Germans claim to have annihilated large bodies of troops in this area and to have taken 150,000 prisoners.

The reluctant Nazi admission that the Russians have left behind only a city of ruins and wreckage, would indicate that Marshal Budenny made an orderly retreat.

Professing concern for Kiev's population, the Germans declare, "by their destructive rage, the Bolsheviks have endangered the lives of tens of thousands in the cruelest fashion," but it is pointed out in London that there is no basis for this statement.

Orderly Withdrawal

In fact, observers in London take hope from German reports considering the thorough devastation inflicted on this holy Russian city which indicates not only an orderly withdrawal of armed forces but that Kiev's civilians were properly evacuated. This would indicate considerable plans in advance by which they hope to insure the outcome of the engagements which are now proceeding.

Parrot Fashion

The Hungarian General Staff last night issued a communique saying: "The Soviet forces that escaped encirclement east of the Dnieper are being pursued towards the east.

"Their rearwards are attempting to counter-attack but liaison between the different units seems to have broken and resistance weakening.

"This suggests that the Soviet Command has renounced its efforts to continue fighting between the Dnieper and the Donetz and is concentrating on organising its retreating forces behind the latter river.

"Field works and fortifications still in being have been abandoned."

Dniester Battle

Italian press reports states that Rumanian troops have taken Ovidiopolis, 25 miles to the southwest of Odessa, after heavy fighting and are now advancing along the coast towards Odessa. Ovidiopolis is at the mouth of the Dniester which marks the old frontier between Rumania and the U.S.S.R.

Italy Obedient To Similar Instructions

A special correspondent of the Official Italian News Agency wired last night to Rome alleging that Marshal Budenny had withdrawn most of the army that escaped encirclement east of Kiev across the Donetz River.

The Soviet High Command, he added, evidently hoped to establish a new defence line on the east bank.

Midnight Communique

Following is the text of the Soviet midnight communique: On September 22, our troops fought the enemy along the entire front. One hundred German planes were destroyed on September 20, including 20 brought down in air combats and 72 destroyed on the ground. We lost 21 aircraft. — Reuter.

ANGLO-AMERICAN AIR MISSIONS IN MOSCOW

The Moscow Radio announced yesterday that the British and American representatives to the Moscow Conference have arrived. — Reuter.

Teheran Not Occupied

Recent reports that Allied troops had occupied Teheran are incorrect, states an official communique issued in Simla yesterday.

The communique says: "Owing to atmospheric disturbances, communication with Iran and Iraq were subjected to interference the last few days.

"It is now established that recent Press and radio reports to the effect that Allied troops have occupied Teheran is incorrect.

"The Allied forces are still encamped outside the city." — Reuter.

SPECULATION ON U.S. TALKS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, Chungking Government spokesman, told journalists yesterday that the reports on the U.S.-Japanese exploratory talks were either purely speculative or were tendentiously circulated by Japanese quarters. — International News Service.

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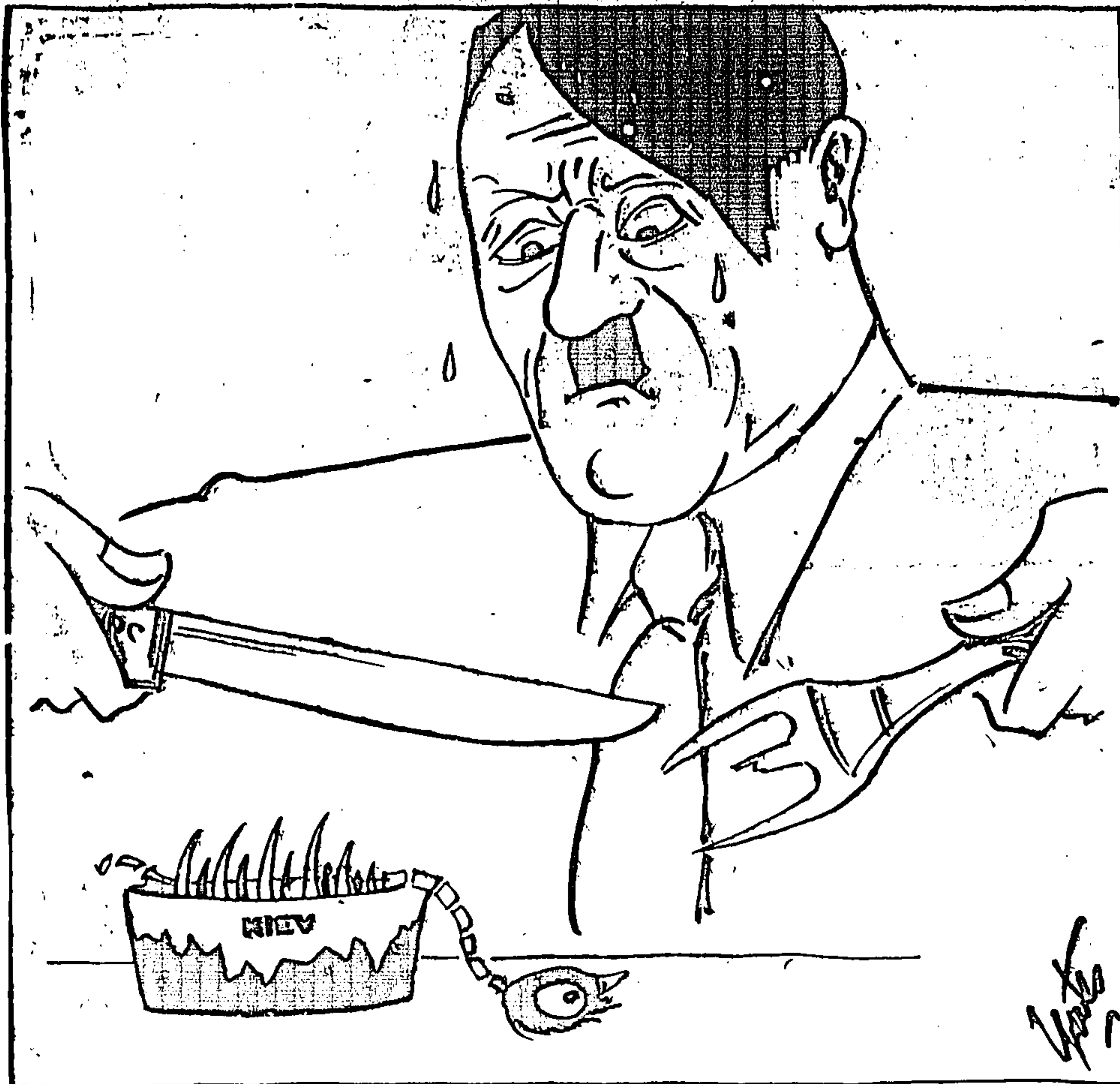
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HITLER CAN BE BEATEN

Three months ago, when gloom was a foot thick—after the fall of Crete, after the conquest of Yugoslavia and Greece, after the reverses in North Africa—it was hard to get a hearing for the opinion that the great fundamentals of moral and material power still lay on Britain's side, and that Hitler would never win this war. To-day, with Germany's best troops deeply embroiled in Russia, a good many of the gloomy prophets of two months ago have turned optimist. But the new confidence which they radiate seems to be based on their belief that Hitler is paying, and will continue to pay, a tremendous price for his Russian gains. If Russian resistance should collapse to-morrow a good many optimists would return to gloom again.

A fresh reminder of some of the fundamental factors on Britain's side—wholly regardless of the result of the German campaign in Russia—comes from the Brookings Institution, whose careful reports, on any question, always repay close study. The present report, a pamphlet published under the title of "A Short War Through Americana Industrial Supremacy," is the work of a French economist and industrialist, Louis Marlio, for ten years chairman of the great International Aluminum Cartel. It is M. Marlio's central thesis that Germany will lose the war because she is already operating at the peak of her industrial capacity and because she lacks both the natural resources and the technical and mechanical means to match the enormously superior production of guns and tanks and planes and ships that will come from the United States. This assertion he supports with data that should be persuasive to the faint-hearted.

He warns, however, that America ought not make the mistake of failing to decide whether she is preparing for a short war or a long war. For they cannot do both effectively at the same time: for example she cannot use steel to build factories to produce more steel a year from now, and still have as much steel for ships and guns in the next twelve months. She ought to be planning deliber-



ASHES IN THE MOUTH

How Nazis Plunder

EVER since Goering invented his famous slogan "Guns or Butter," the Nazis have consistently used food as a political instrument. At a time when growing transport difficulties make it impossible to provide the population with even their meagre rations, food is often deliberately withheld from them—for political reasons.

In districts, for instance, with industries or mineral resources which are essential to the war effort the people receive issues of supplementary unrationed food-stuffs, whenever discontent among the works finds expression in a diminished output. On the other hand, the least sign of dissatisfaction in areas not important to war economy is visited by a curtailment of supplies.

This treatment applies in a general way to whole districts, but distinctions are drawn between different categories of workers. The military, of course, receive the best rations, though here, too, a difference is made between fighting troops and occupying forces.

The best-treated class of civilians are workers in the heavy industries and miners. The result of this policy has been to create, within a community which is, generally speaking, ill or underfed, an "aristocracy of feeders," (the phrase has been coined in Germany since the war began) consisting of the pillars of Nazi domination—the SA and SS and those upon whom the Nazis depend for the maintenance of their war economy.

Bait For The Unemployed

On every occupation of a new country free meals are issued for the first few days from army kitchens. This charitable measure is loudly advertised and people are told that the requisite food is sent from Germany. In fact, however, it consists invariably of supplies "requisitioned" from reserves stored up by the occupied localities. As a rule, too, the local authorities subsequently receive fat bills for this "free feeding" of their unemployed.

ately for one war or the other. Which is it to be? In this respect the situation would be more reassuring if there was in Washington a board of higher strategy—with no duties save to consider, on the basis of the best evidence available, the answers to large questions of this kind.

The object of these meals is to win over malcontents in the occupied territories in favour of the occupying forces. As soon as the occupying authorities introduce food rationing, which they do soon after their arrival, a labour recruiting campaign on behalf of Germany is launched among the working classes. The bait offered is the higher ration of food obtainable in Germany. Workers are thereby urged to avoid gradual starvation at home by "voluntarily" escaping to forced labour in Germany. If the bait is de-

By
Joe Mercal

clined, reduced and, if even this fails to produce enough "volunteers," unemployment pay is cut off, leaving men no alternative but to sign on for work in Germany.

Food And "Haute Politique"

In the diplomatic field the Germans appear in agricultural countries as purchasers, before they proceed to overrun the country with their armies. The technique of these purchases is both simple and effective. It worked successfully in Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, and, almost, in Yugoslavia. In all these countries low world prices were even before the war making it very difficult for farmers to earn a living. Germany, who is 100 per cent. self-supporting only in regard to potatoes, had always to buy cereals, oil-seeds etc., and, of course, tobacco, from south-east Europe. If then Berlin planned the military conquest of any of these countries, economic experts were sent on ahead.

These gentlemen offered to buy up the victims' whole surplus crops. For these surpluses the Nazis often paid prices above the world level, not merely in order that agricultural goods, which otherwise might lack a market, could be sold en bloc. Before the Economic Minister of the country concerned had time to give his opinion about these German offers, German wireless stations were already broadcasting Germany's generosity toward the poor Rumanian or Bulgarian farmer.

As a result, the Balkan Economic Ministers were besought by their agricultural interests to accept these German offers. The deal once made, the Germans left the bill unsettled.

The Balkan government was obliged to pay its farmers, without itself receiving the money from Germany. The clearing accounts of the Balkan countries in

trade with Germany grew larger and larger, the process continuing until their national finances were reduced to chaos. This was the cue for Quislings. The Nazis did not buy up the next year's harvest—at most only an insignificant part of it. The result was disaster.

Food As Propaganda

France was and still is being black-mailed by a threat to retain French prisoners of war, or only to release them in small dribbles in exchange for concessions. France, one of the richest wheat-growing countries in Europe, is starving for lack of labourers to till the soil and because her seed is being carried off by the Germans. Seed can be obtained from Morocco, but there can be no adequate cultivation until the prisoners are returned. French prisoners of war are compelled to work in German fields.

Food is everywhere used by the Germans as propaganda. In the middle of March photographs appeared in all the Belgian papers showing potatoes being unloaded in Antwerp. The German caption to these photographs was as follows: "Germany sends food to Belgium." Oddly enough, Belgian potatoes were on sale at the same time at Aachen and Herbesthal (on the German-Belgian frontier), a fact which is not so odd when it is remembered that Belgium, short as she was of many food-stuffs, always produced a surplus of potatoes. The Belgians are not deceived by this form of propaganda.

Defensive Measures By The Czechs

Naturally, the inhabitants of the occupied territories are protecting themselves against the use of food as a weapon of war. For these various countries are producers as well as consumers. In Denmark pigs and cattle have been slaughtered in secret on a large scale; the meat was sold on the black markets of the towns.

In the district of Iglau (Bohemia) the Nazis were faced with a strike by Czech cows; over a period during which German cows yielded 17,000 litres of milk, Czech cows in the same area produced only 10,000 litres.

When Baron von Neurath went on leave last December, he took with him to Germany no fewer than twenty-seven cases of food. This did not prevent him, on his return from publishing an article in a new periodical "Bohemia and Moravia," declaring that the Protectorate was dependent for food upon the Reich. This is true in so far as there is available in the Protectorate only what the Nazis do not remove. But the Czechs are on their guard. For food has become an instrument of war.

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Seeking Repeal Of Neutrality Act Curbs

MR. CORDELL HULL'S statement favouring repeal of the Neutrality Act is seen in Washington as the first shot in a campaign to get Congress to repeal what has now become a most hampering measure in connection with the development of the Administration's policy of aid to all countries fighting Hitlerism.

Its repeal would enable the President not only to arm merchantmen, but to send them into so-called combat zones.

The American Navy can protect British and other foreign ships crossing the Atlantic, and shoot at German craft on sight, but cannot escort American merchantmen in those same waters.

Many Americans see in this an absurd anachronism.

Moreover, there is feeling in some circles that it is an even greater anachronism to send American-owned and operated ships to places like Iceland under the flag of Panama and that they should not be sailing under their own colours.

Mr. Hull's views carry much weight, out in the country and in Congress, where already there is apparently a movement towards repeal of the Neutrality Act.

No Shots Yet

Replying to a question yesterday, Colonel Knox, Secretary of the Navy, said no shooting had been reported to the Navy Department since President Roosevelt's shoot on sight order. He added that the Navy's air programme was on schedule. The Navy was getting plenty of engines and planes which were the best in the world in each category.

The Hull Statement

Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, indicated in Washington yesterday that he favoured revision of the Neutrality Act.

Mr. Hull recalled that when the 1935 Act was passed he had said that it was as likely to get the United States into war as keep the United States out of war.

Deletion of the arms embargo from that Act, Mr. Hull made it clear, was not sufficient to clear the way for aid to Britain.

Asked whether there was undue pessimism regarding the plight of Russia, Mr. Hull said that from the way the Russians were fighting there does not seem to be any pessimism over there.

Mr. Hull also said that diplomatic negotiations were continuing in the effort to work out a settlement between Peru and Ecuador.

Congress Discussion

According to a Dow Jones Agency message, Mr. Cordell Hull made it clear at the press conference that he favoured revision of the Neutrality Act.

The Secretary for State indicated that he had discussed the revision or repeal of the Act with Congressional leaders as a means of furthering aid to Britain.

Self-Defence

Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary for State, told newspapermen yesterday in Washington that he had tried for some time to indicate that he believed that the Neutrality Act should be changed but he declined to predict whether or when a repeal might be expected.

He declared that the Lease and Lend Act was based primarily on the doctrine of self-defence and it provided a way to go further as the necessities of defence increased.—Reuter.

Bitter Debate

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A bitter debate on the proposal for the repeal of the Neutrality

Act is foreshadowed by the forming of battle lines.

Senator Capper warned that the United States might be only a few days from war after Sol Bloom, of the House of Representatives had publicly urged repeal.

Senator Capper, in his broadcast, declaimed against what he termed one-man government, condemned intervention in the war as "an effort to impose Democracy upon the world."

Congress Consulted

It is authoritatively indicated that President Roosevelt, who returned to Washington from Hyde Park yesterday, has called a conference with Congress leaders to discuss measures to increase the speed of aid to Britain and Russia and the repeal of the Neutrality Act to permit American merchantmen to carry war supplies direct to the embattled nations.—International News Service.

GRAND MUFTI IN JAPANESE LEGATION

The Cairo newspaper, "Al-Mokattam," cites a "reliable source" for a report from Teheran that the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem has been found at the Japanese Legation at Teheran.—Reuter.

FIGHTER CAME DOWN IN EIRE

THE PILOT ESCAPED TO BE MARRIED

JUST OVER A year ago Flying-Officer Paul Mayhew, son of Sir Basil Mayhew, of Felthorpe Hall, Norwich, took off in his fighter to meet Nazi bombers attacking Liverpool.

He had just become married to Miss Monica Stancliffe, daughter of Canon Stancliffe, of Grantham. They originally hoped to get married this July.

A fierce fight carried Mayhew far out to sea. His petrol ran short, and he was forced to land in Eire. He became the first internee of the camp at the Curragh—Eire Army, G.H.Q.

Mayhew is now back in England. He has been married, although Miss Stancliffe stated: "I had given up all hope of getting married till the war was over."

Mayhew is one of the nine R.A.F. internees who escaped recently from the Curragh. Three of them were caught. The other six are all believed to have reached England.

It was not Mayhew's first bid for freedom. He was one of three R.A.F. men who got away about four months ago.

When only about 10 miles from the camp they asked the way to Dublin, but the postman who told them became suspicious of their "brogue." He reported them to the local Garda, and they were caught.

The last time the reporter saw Mayhew was in the tiny church

near the camp one Sunday morning service.

In the pew in front of Mayhew and some of his colleagues sat three German Air Force officers, also internees.

Mayhew's younger brother, an Oxford Rugby Blue, went to France with the R.A.M.C. early in the war as a Christian Pacifist and non-combatant.

KING COMMENDS HEROINE OF 17

BARBARA EDITH HELLIER, 17, RANGER IN A PORTSMOUTH GIRL GUIDE COMPANY, HAS BEEN COMMENDED BY THE KING FOR HER SERVICES AS AN A.R.P. MESSENGER.

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FREE FRENCH WARNING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

In Free French broadcasts from London yesterday, the Germans were solemnly warned that for each hostage massacred in France, two Germans would be judged and struck down after the victory of the Free French.—International News Service.

PETAINE'S INSULT TO FRANCE

The first New York press comment on Marshal Petain's broadcast on Sunday is biting condemnation of the speech which a writer in the newspaper, "P.M.," calls "a blot on the history of France's leadership."

It adds: "He insulted the French people. No-one need wonder any more. The second battle for France is the fight against France's Fuehrer, Petain, as well as against Hitler."

"Petain should take a look at France's history. He would find out that it is French tradition to attack the enemies of France and to fight against tyranny."—Reuter.

THE CHINA MAIL, SEPTEMBER 23, 1941.

SLEEPER DEALINGS FOR A.R.P.

(Continued from Page 1)
—Yes, Kwong Hing bought 50,000 pieces, Lun Sang 3,500 and Ho Fuk-cho 15,000. I am now telling you of the big deals, but there were a number of small dealers which I do not think I need mention as there are so many of them.

You never sold to Kin Lee? — Not from this lot.
I am not speaking of this particular lot. You never sold to Kin Lee? — Yes.

You sold 10,000 pieces for \$43,000? — No, \$43,000 was the cost price. We sold for \$52,000.

Did you ever sell to Marsman's? — No.

The National Development and Finance Corporation never sold to Marsman's? — No.

Did you ever approach Mr. Carman of Marsman's about the sale of sleepers? — Yes.

Marsman Reply

What happened? — We wrote to Marsman's and received a reply to the effect that the sleepers were not fit for A.R.P. work.

What happened then? — May I explain, sir? The National Development and Finance Corporation bought 210,000 Oregon pine sleepers. These were fitted only for making gasoline boxes. At that time there was a great demand for these boxes, and as financiers, we were approached by a lot of small dealers to buy up the stock. After this we bought 98,000 hardwood sleepers. At first we approached Marsman's and also Mr. Steele-Perkins and the reply was that the sleepers were not fitted for A.R.P. work.

Witness then produced a letter from the Director of Air Raid Precautions who suggested that he should take the matter up with Marsman's. This they did, quoting \$2.90 per piece for hardwood sleepers and \$3.20 for Oregon pine sleepers.

Did you sell any to Marsman's? — We did not sell to them direct.

Trial Offer

Do you know whether Marsman's bought any? — They offered to buy 2,000 pieces from us as a trial order but we stated the lot was too small. After this we sold 80,000 pieces to Tai Lee and we turned the order for 2,000 pieces over to them.

Were those some of the sleepers you had previously offered to Marsman's and they had stated they could not use them? — Yes.

Had you offered the same to Kin Lee? — I don't know anything of Kin Lee.

Marsman's informed you by letter that they found the size of the sleepers unsuitable for tunnel work? — Yes.

And you subsequently sold to Tai Lee? — Yes.

Calculated Profit

Asked by the Chairman the price he paid for the sleepers sold to Tai Lee, witness explained that the price of the 98,000 pieces he bought from Jardine's was estimated on the cost of firewood — \$1.15 a piece.

He went on to explain that of the total number of sleepers, only 30,000 were in good condition and these he sold to Tai Lee at \$1.90 a piece.

The Chairman: Have you calculated your profit on this transaction? — Yes.

How much? — \$22,480.

Have you calculated the profit Tai Lee made? — I don't know.

Were you prepared to sell the sleepers to Kin Lee and Marsman's at the same price — \$1.90 a piece? — Yes, if they were willing to buy the whole lot.

Before you went in for this huge deal in railway sleepers have you been connected with the timber trade? — No.

You say you bought it for firewood? — Yes.

Did Not Know

Asked whether it was not the truth that witness knew when he went in for the deal that the sleepers were to be used for tunnels, witness replied "no" and explained that the railway sleepers were piled high up like a hill so that one was not able to say what amount was in good condition. He added that there were three kinds of sleepers — Oregon pine, which could not be used for tunnels, but only for gasoline boxes; decayed sleepers, of which only a small percentage were good; and a third kind, which was the best hardwood that could be found in the Colony.

Do you know now that the sleepers have been used in tunnel work? — After the work started I knew it.

Do you know now? — Yes.

You have still 60,000 sleepers in hand? — Yes.

The Chairman then told witness that the letters he had produced would be retained by the Commission and that if he should be required again he would be notified.

Kwong Yick Firm

The next witness was Tse Chan, proprietor of the Kwong Yick firm.

The Chairman: When did you form the company? — Ten years ago.

You are timber merchants? — Yes.

I understand you supplied railway sleepers to Marsman's and Kin Lee? — No.

What did you supply them with? — Hard wood.

Were these not railway sleepers? — No.

Where did you get the timber from? — Sandakan.

When was your last sale to Kin Lee? — The last sale of hardwood was on May 26, 1941 — only 13 cubic feet of wood.

The last sale to Marsman's? — August 14, 1941, — 33ft. 7½ ins.

Kan Lee-Hing, of the Kwong Yip Shing firm, was the next witness called.

Broker In Wood

The Chairman: You are the proprietor of Kwong Yip Shing? — I am.

You are the sole proprietor? — Yes.

When was the firm formed? — About 10 years ago. I am also a broker in the wood business.

Railway sleepers? — Yes, only one transaction.

You sold 3,500 sleepers to Marsman's at \$3.90 each? — Correct.

Where did you get the sleepers from? — From the Chik Hing firm.

Has that firm anything to do with you? — No, sir.

Do not they occupy the same office in the same building? — We use the same office.

Do not the Tai Lee Chan firm use the same office? — Yes.

Have you anything to do with it? — No.

How much did you pay for the sleepers? — \$3.50 each.

So you made a profit of 40 cents on each? — Yes.

Over A Few Days

When did you purchase the sleepers from the Chik Hing firm? — Sometime in February.

You say you bought it for firewood? — Yes.

You bought it in February and a few days later sold it to Marsman's? — Correct.

Do you know whether the Tai Lee Chan ever sold sleepers to Marsman's? — I don't know.

Have you heard that? — Well, I look after my own business and they look after their own.

Well, I will tell you, they sold 10,000 sleepers at \$6.15 each.

These three firms occupy the same office and you still say you have nothing to do with them.

Do you know a man named Kee? — Yes.

Who is he? — He belongs to the Tai Lee Chan.

Manager? — Yes.

Do you know whether he has anything to do with the other two firms? — He has nothing to do with my firm. The other one I don't know.

What is the full name of this man? — Ki Man-chung; he is here now.

You say you never sold timber to Kin Lee? — Never.

Tai Lee Chan

Ki Man-chung, of the Tai Lee Chan, was then called.

The Chairman: What are you? — Manager of Tai Lee Chan.

We heard that you occupy the same offices as Chik Hing and Kwong Yip Shing? — Yes.

And that you all deal in timber? — Yes.

When did your firm start? — Eight years ago.

Have you ever sold timber to Marsman's? — Yes, we sold 10,000 sleepers in July.

What firm did you purchase them from? — From Kin Wah.

When? — On July 21, 1941.

When did you make the purchase? — On July 21.

You could not. You sold on the 18th and another lot on the 19th.

When did you buy from these people? — We have not dealt with sleepers before. Marsman's gave us an order.

Marsman's gave you an order and you then purchased, and in order to fill the order you purchased from Kin Wah? — Yes.

Is that a timber firm? — It is the same firm as that of Mr. K. C. Leung.

How much did you pay? — \$4.82.

What was the price to Marsman's? — The price to Marsman's included transportation and cutting up and was \$6.15.

Have you worked out your profit? — About \$3,000.

Was that the only transaction with Marsman's? — Yes.

Have you ever sold sleepers to Kin Lee? — Never.

Quite sure of that? — Sure.

Did you ever sell timber or hardwood to Kin Lee? — Never.

Common Capital

They have got it in the books of Tai Lee Chan as having sold \$10,780 worth of hardwood. Let me explain. This bill is in connection with the sale of wood of the Tai Lee Chan not of the office. There was a connection between the two, but the books were different and each made their own sales.

Are you the manager of Tai Lee Chan? — I am not.

What is the connection between the two firms? — The capital is common to both, though each establishment keeps its own books.

Where does the profit go to? — It belongs to Tai Lee Chan wood yard.

I know the profit goes to Tai Lee Chan. Are you a shareholder of Tai Lee Chan? — No; I am only the manager.

Have both businesses the same shareholders? — Yes.

Do you know Pang Chik and Tam? — Yes.

No Connection

Are they connected in any way with your firm? — No connection at all. We know each other.

Who is the chief partner? — Kan Chik-san.

One last question. Tell me, who was it that gave you this order from Marsman's? — I will give you the history of the transaction.

We do not want a long history. — First of all one Mr. Rocha, a Portuguese from Marsman's, phoned me enquiring about the price of wood. I then made some suggestion to him and told him that the market price was between \$2.60 and \$2.70 a cubic foot, but that sleepers which could be cut cost about \$2.46.

What was the end of the discussion? — I want to say something more. He said he would discuss it with the manager. He afterwards phoned me up and ordered 4,000 sleepers and they were to be cut according to specification.

He gave you the order eventually for 10,000. — He did not give me the order. He made enquiries. This gentleman rang me up daily.

This gentleman does all the purchases for sleepers for Marsman's. Tell me, do you follow the local custom of paying commission on business introduced? — No.

Am I correct in saying that you intend to leave for Manila shortly? — Yes.

Manila Trip

Have you booked your passage and are you leaving to-day? — No, in a few days.

Why are you going there? — On business.

What business? — On timber business. I intend to go and see manufacturers and arrange for the importation of timber.

Have you a letter of introduction? — No.

Did not Mr. Rocha give you one? — No.

A suggestion has been made that Tai Lee, Tai Lee Chan and Kwong Yip Shing are all the same firm that went into the business to sell timber to Marsman's? — Not true.

Is it true to say that you are the manager of all three firms? — No.

Only the manager of the Chik Hing? — Yes, only Chik Hing.

Who Pays Rent?

Who pays the rent of the office? — Chik Hing.

Does Kwong Yip Shing pay any rent? — They have only a sign board.

An accommodation address? — Yes.

What about Tai Lee Chan, do they pay rent? — The partners of Tai Lee Chan are the same as those in Chik Hing.

Same partners, same capital, both deal in timber? — No: the Tai Lee Chan was established eight years ago. Chik Hing about two or three years ago, and their business was in wooden boxes.

But both sold sleepers to Marsman's? — Yes.

You say that Chik Hing never had any business with Marsman's and Kin Lee? — Yes.

Chik Hing never sold to Kin Lee. (No answer.)

Did Chik Hing ever sell to something about this. Tai Lee



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Kwong Yip Shing? — Yes.
Who did Kwong Yip Shing sell sleepers to? — To Marsman's.
I presume Chik Hing made a profit and so did Kwong Yip Shing? — Yes.

"High Class Officer"

The next witness was Tam Long-ying.

Chairman: What are you in Pang Chik and Tam? — I am a high class officer.

How high? — That is to say, I offer my assistance to my manager.

What do you assist him in doing? — To supervise the work. I am an engineer.

Have you ever sold timber to Kin Lee? — Pang Chik and Tam never sold sleepers to Kin Lee.

Did Tai Lee sell any? — I know something about this. Tai Lee

purchased timber and Kin Lee bought from them.

They use the same note paper? — Tai Lee Timber Company was formed at short notice, and after the establishment of the company they had no letter forms so they used some from Pang Chik and Tam, but only for a short period.

Witness was handed a document dated December 7, 1940.

Chairman: Ever seen this before? What does it say? — It says 11,000 sleepers sold to Kin Lee at a price of \$3.40.

And sold by Pang Chik and Tam? — No, sir. Tai Lee wrote the note and used Pang Chik and Tam paper.

Who put the chop on when money was received? — The chop was put by the people of Tai Lee.

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By Order of the Stewards,

S. A. SLEAP, Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 20th Sept., 1941.

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BRIDGE VANGUARD

POSTPONING A FINESSE

By The Four Aces

It doesn't always pay to take a finesse, especially when it is thrust upon you by the opponents. In to-day's hand South postponed such a finesse, knowing he could take it later on if necessary.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH

♠ Q 7 3 2
♥ A J 5
♦ K Q 7
♣ A Q 7

WEST

♠ 9 5
♥ 10 8 7 3
♦ J 8 5
♣ 9 8 5 4

EAST

♠ A 6
♥ K 9 8 4
♦ 10 6 4 2
♣ K J 10

SOUTH

♠ K J 10 8 4
♥ Q 2
♦ A 9 3
♣ 6 3 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the four of clubs, and South was tempted to finesse the club Queen. But after a moment's reflection he resisted the temptation. Instead he put up the club Ace. Later on, if West got a chance to lead another club, South would still have a chance to try for a trick with the club Queen. But that would be unnecessary if West never again got the lead.

South's next step was to knock out East's trump Ace, and East hopefully returned a diamond.

East could not gainfully return clubs, and trying to get his partner on lead for another club return. But West couldn't get the lead, and dummy won with a high diamond and returned a trump. Next South led the Queen of hearts, losing the finesse to East's King.

Again East couldn't gainfully lead clubs, so he returned a heart. And dummy's extra high heart allowed South to discard a club. Thus South was able to limit his loss to one club, one heart, and one trump.

Now see what would have happened if South had finessed dummy's club Queen at the first trick. East would have won with the club King and returned the club Jack. Later on East would have gained the lead with the trump Ace to cash the club ten. He would then exit safely with the small trump and wait for his heart trick. South would then lose two clubs, a heart and a trump.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q J 7
♥ K 9
♦ J 10 8 5 4
♣ Q 2

The bidding:

Schenker	You	Maler	Jacoby
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥
1♠	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	2♠	3♠
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Pass. Your partner's bid is not particularly strong, and you have a minimum opening bid. Chances for game are rather slim.

Score 100% for pass, 50% for two no-trump, 40% for three diamonds, 20% for two hearts.

Question No. 828

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenker	You	Maler	Jacoby
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥
1♠	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	2♠	3♠
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer

to-morrow.)
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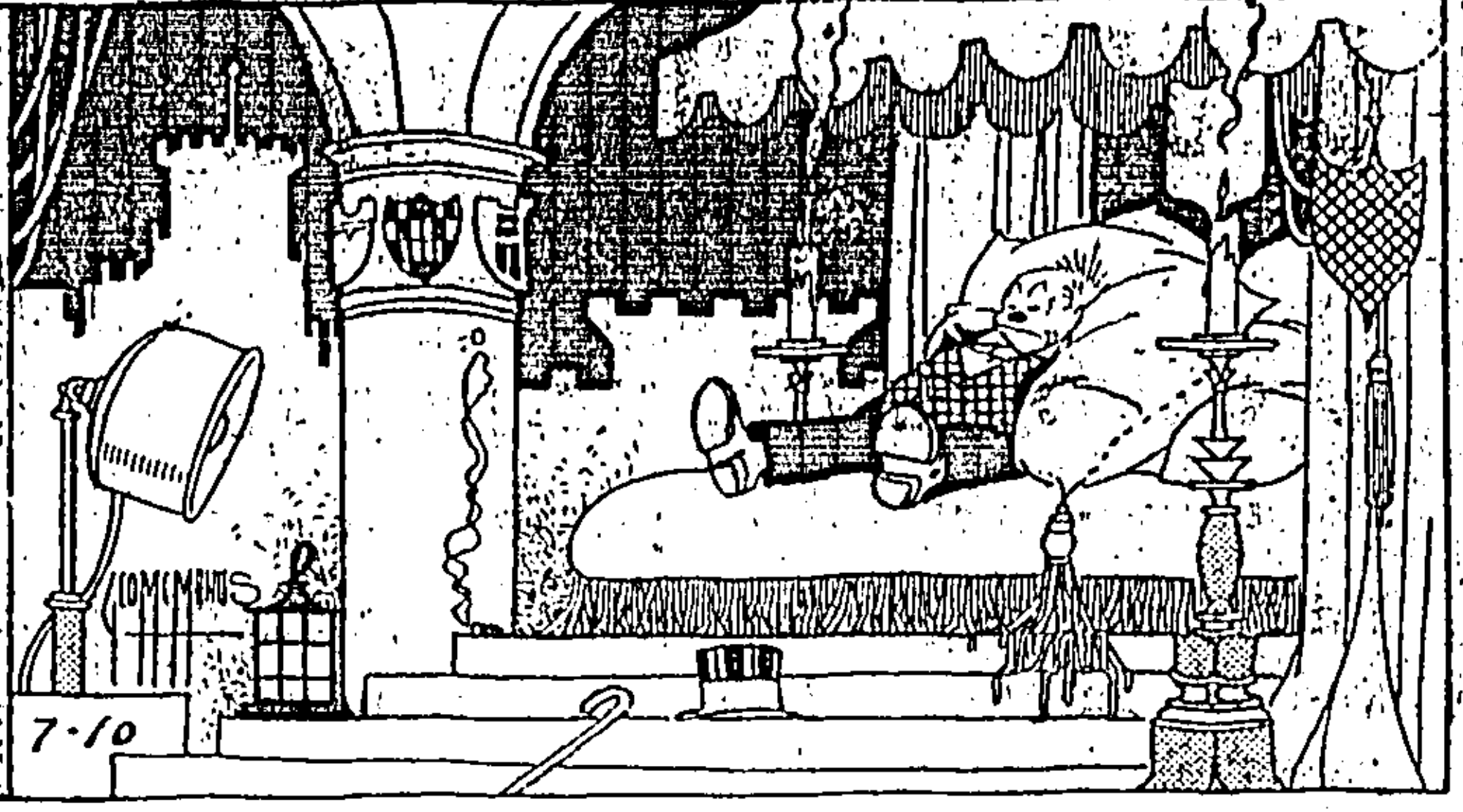
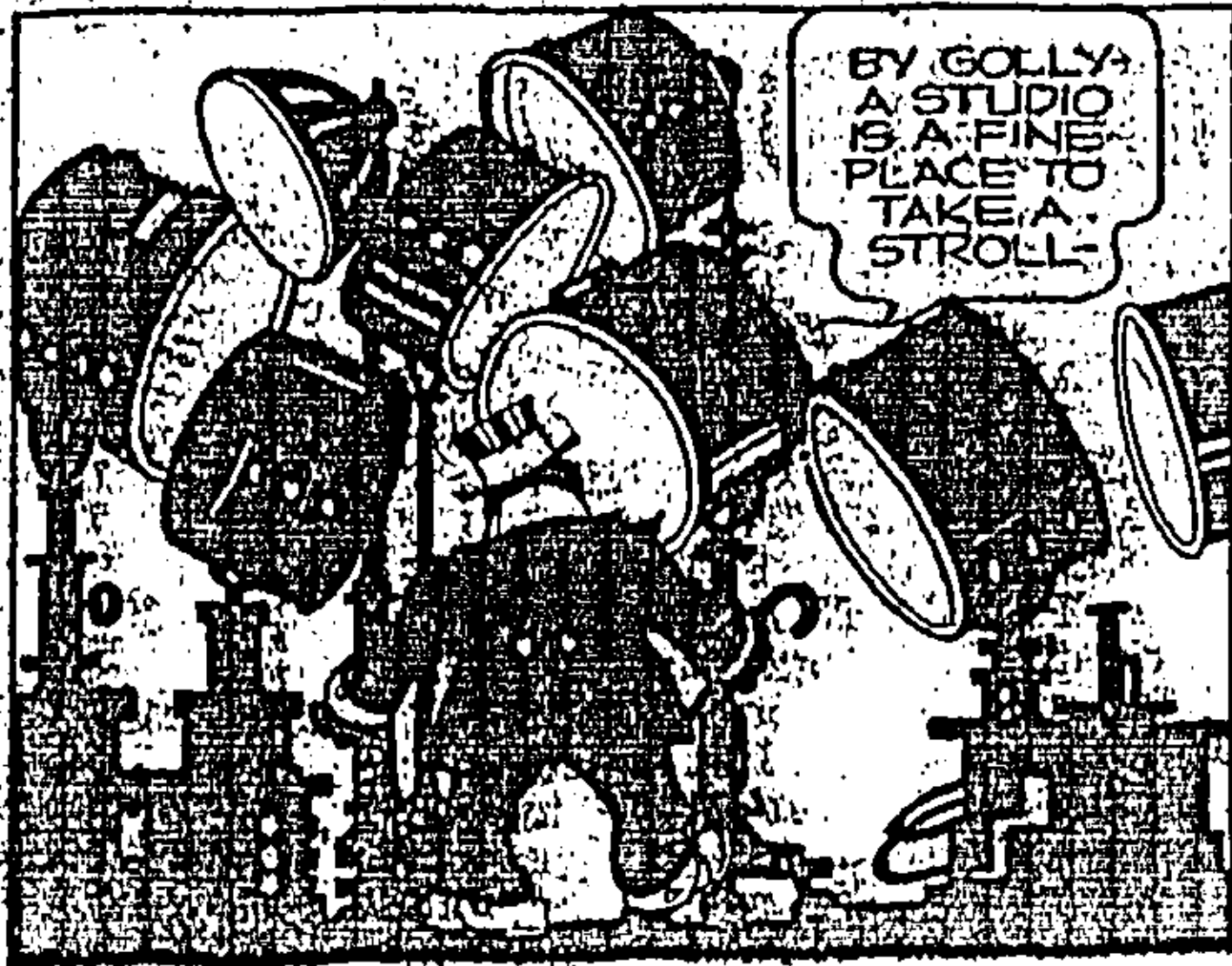
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Rhythm For Bodily Grace

It is not enough to exercise—you must exercise in rhythm! Any jerky movements repeated over and over again will destroy bodily grace instead of encouraging it.

Take the Hawaiians for instance—their graceful, lovely bodies are due to their native rhythmical dancing and hand speech. Every movement is fluid. Every muscle is trained to give perfect co-ordination.

To experience what I am telling you try these exercises which have been stolen from our little dark beauties of the colourful Isle. Sit on the floor, tailor-fashion, with legs crossed. Keep your shoulders level and your arms folded in easy position and your buttocks firm on the floor. Now in a fluid movement stretch tall at the waist and move your ribcage from left to right in a slow, circular movement. If you have a record of Hawaiian music play it during your exercise period. After three minutes move ribcage from right to left.

Surprising as it may seem to you, this exercise if done correctly will decrease your waist measurement and slenderise your hips.

Exercise II

Still sitting tailor-fashion, place hands on hips and bend ONLY UPPER BODY far right and far left—as you keep your head back in easy position and the lower part of your body immobile. The secret of these movements is pulling against yourself—that is what does the work of creating body grace.

As you bend from side to side, again stretch tall from the waist.

Exercise III

Now for a little fun. Stand up with feet about a yard apart. Stretch both arms out shoulder level with palms facing floor. Try not to let your hips move, stretch far out to right, then far out to left. You will feel a stretching all up your spine and clear to the tips of your fingers if you are doing it correctly. Your head does not move—it is carried from right



Rita Hayworth keeps her body beautifully fluid through dancing and exercise.

to left by your reaching. This is a honey and if you practice it every day for a month you will gain a poise which will be enviable, for it keeps your spine straight, your head set proudly in position and it limbers muscles which seldom get used. Do this to a Hawaiian melody if possible, make your movements slow and rhythmical.

When you have mastered Exercise III, you might try a hip wiggle which stretches muscles from

ankle to arm pits and makes your body ever so much more graceful.

Stand with feet about five inches apart. Bend elbows and raise hands so that palms face wall opposite to you. Now holding the spine straight, bend the knees slightly, and force the middle part to rotate slowly first clockwise then counter-clockwise. It helps to imagine you are wearing a grass skirt which is swishing around as your hips and buttocks rotate!

DON'T STOP GROWING

If you're the kind of person who stays the same all the time, then I'm sorry for you.

It shows, that you're dull and unadaptable—and ignorant of the truth, that a woman always has to be developing from one thing to another.

Development is natural and desirable, so pay it some heed: you don't want to get either twisted or stuck.

Adolescence has a poetry of its own, whether it's wild and dirty or secret and sly.

But it's intolerable if it takes too long over developing into youthful charm.

The adolescent girl must go through a self-centred period; she is finding out about herself.

Then, to get her discoveries into focus, she should think more of others and less of herself; she must learn about other people.

The equipment she should make up is good manners, and sufficient personal fastidiousness.

Good manners consist in making the other person comfortable and interested—a neat way to defeat self-consciousness.

Personal fastidiousness for the adolescent begins with clean nails and ears, and with not spilling food!

One of the world's tragedies is the housewife who won't de-

velop into a wife when the day's chores are done.

She might try the suggestions I've offered the adolescents!

Personal fastidiousness should impel one to look nice for one's nearest and dearest, instead of only for strangers who don't care.

While as to manners—it's not very civil to your husband if you can't get your mind off groceries when he comes home.

Couples often lose the interests they had in common (occasional movies, discussions of the newspaper, radio music, even gossip) from nothing but laziness. And very dead it leaves them.

If the housewife lets that go too far, the time will come when she can't interest him. It will be too late to be a wife; she can only be a pest or leave him alone.

Good manners is a solution for mothers too.

The mother of young children has an unselfish and thankful task. She gives so much; she works so hard and the children, born through no fault of their own, can only take it for granted.

Then, from having been the most dependent of creatures, they become independent and ready to resent her.

This is where good manners will tide her over in developing from a mother to a companion.

Good manners that are the true wisdom of the heart.

She must treat their individualities, their separateness, with respect. She must make it easy to confide in her by not pressing awkward questions.

She must find interests of her own so as not to burden them. She must try to like their friends and be tolerant if she can't.

Above all, she must be ready to let them go. This way she will never lose them. Even if she wants to!

There's always a market for the good-time girl, who enjoys herself and makes it fun to take her out.

But if she wants an easy-come-easy-go relationship, to develop into real friendship, she must show sterner qualities. Loyalty, for instance, and a sense of responsibility, which includes not spending his money too freely or resenting his work.

If you're a severe, efficient girl in the office please loosen up when you're off duty.

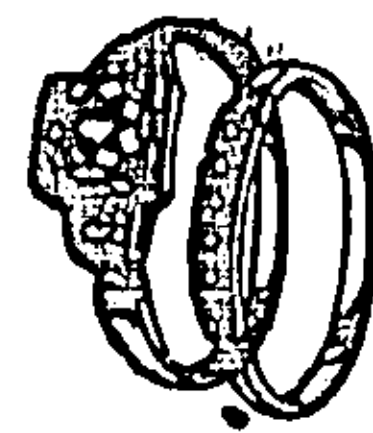
How about developing a little more glamour of an evening? More make-up, scent, hair brushed out softly. And if it's still got to be that plain, hard suit—let's have some touch of frivolity. It's only less practical shoes!

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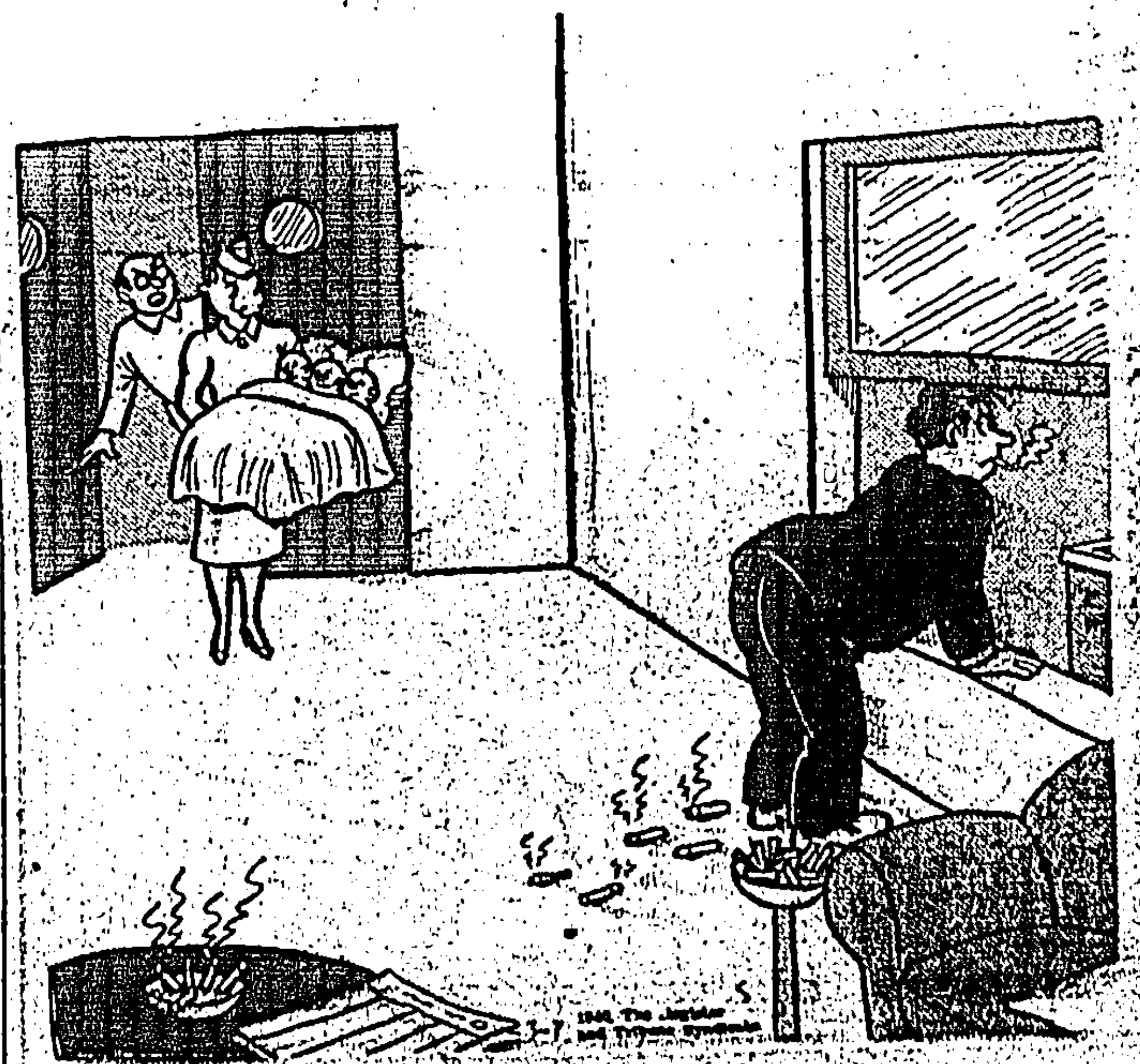
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MIDDLESEX MAN AND A CAR

PRIVATE J. HARDY, OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT, WAS SUMMONED BEFORE MR. H. C. MACNAMARA AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING, FOR OVERTAKING A CAR ON THE LEFT SIDE, FOR DRIVING WITHOUT A LICENCE, AND FOR FAILING TO REPORT AN ACCIDENT.

Private K. Bridge was summoned for unlawfully transferring his driving licence to Pte. Hardy.

It was stated that on August 17, a car overtook a sanitary van on the left side in Waterloo Road, and drove on after colliding with the van. The driver did not make a report.

It was later established that Pte. Hardy hired a car stating Pte. Bridge's name and driving licence. The driving licence had been renewed with Pte. Hardy's photo but it was still in Bridge's name.

Captain G. W. Flood stated that both accused had had excellent records.

First accused was cautioned on the first summons and fined \$10 on the other two, while second accused was placed on a \$50 bond for six months.

V

GREEK PREMIER'S MESSAGE

IN A MESSAGE TO THE BRITISH PEOPLE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ARRIVAL WITH KING GEORGE OF GREECE IN BRITAIN, THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER, M. TSOUDELOS, SAID: "WE ARE EXTREMELY HAPPY TO FIND OURSELVES HERE AMONG THE BRITISH PEOPLE."

"We intend to carry on to the very end this struggle at the side of the British against the Nazis and Fascist tyrants of Europe."

"We are going to build up our resources to continue this fight until the victory of which I am confident. It is impossible to say how long we shall stay here. We are tremendously proud to come to London, capital of not only the British Empire but of all freedom loving peoples."—Reuter.

V

AUSTRALIAN BANKS CUT INTEREST

As from yesterday, the fixed deposit rates of Australian banks have been reduced by a further six pence per annum making an aggregate reduction of 15 shillings per cent. since the outbreak of the war.

The new rates are three months, 1½ per cent.; six months, 1¾ per cent.; one year, 2 per cent.; and two years, 2¼ per cent.—Reuter.

V

GREETINGS TO THE KING OF GREECE

Their Majesties the King and Queen drove to Euston Station to meet King George of Greece on his arrival in London last night.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent, Mr. Winston Churchill, Mr. Anthony Eden, and other members of Government were also present. A large crowd welcomed the Greek King with cheers.—Reuter.

V

LOCAL SHARES

BANKS
Hong Kong Bank \$1475 b., \$1485 sa.

SHIPPING
H.K. Steamboats \$10.80 b.
LANDS, HOTEL & BLDGS.
H. & S. Hotels \$4.30 s.
Chinese Estates \$100 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES
H.K. Tramways \$18 s.
Yau-mat Ferries \$24 b.
China Lights (Old) \$7.10 s.
H.K. Electric Rights \$12¼ sa.
Macao Electric \$18 b.
Telephones (Old) \$25 sa.
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8.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
8.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
8.47 p.m.—Selections from C. B. Cochran's Shows.
C. B. Cochran Presents: Bitter Sweet, Fun o' The Fair, This Year of Grace, Mayfair, The Montmartre, Private Lives, Wake Up & Dream, Cat & The Fiddle, 1930 Revue, Words & Music, Music In The Air, One Dam Thing After Another, Evergreen, Cavalcade, The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.
C. B. Cochran's "1930 Revue"—Vocal Gems... Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
"Home & Beauty"—Cochran's Coronation Revue, Magda Neeld, Janet Lind & W. Booth with Orchestra.
"Lights Up"—I Didn't Really Never Oughter 'ave Went... Doris Hare (Comedienne) with Orchestra.
7.15 p.m.—Organ and Piano Duets by Robinson Cleaver and Patricia Rossborough.
7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post", Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—Compositions of Maurice Ravel.
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"The Real France", The Story of Three Generations—1870, 1914, 1940—by Maurice Thiers. Produced by Moray McLean.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Debussy—The Children's Corner Suite, Alfred Cortot (Pianoforte Solo).
10.10 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—An Hour of Variety and Dance Music.
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

NAVAL REPAIRS IN U.S.

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT ANNOUNCED THAT TWELVE BRITISH WARSHIPS, INCLUDING THREE BATTLESHIPS, HAVE BEEN IN U.S. PORTS, IN ADDITION TO THOSE MENTIONED A DAY OR TWO AGO.

All twelve have now left again. They were the battleships Resolution, Malaya and Rodney, the auxiliaries, Canton, Southern Prince, Montclare, Bulolo and Launla, the corvettes Tulip and Clarkia, the destroyer Richmond and the armed merchant cruiser Aurania.—Reuter.

V

BURMA IMMIGRATION AGREEMENT

An agreement relating to Chinese immigration into Burma has been reached on various important points at the conference between the Chinese and Burmese delegates in Rangoon yesterday.

The points are not detailed in the communiqué, which, however, states that they are subject to acceptance by the two governments and to agreement being reached on the remaining points.—Reuter.

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ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING

PRESIDING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB LAST EVENING, MR. N. V. A. CROUCHER, THE COMMODORE, REFERRED TO THE SERIOUS LOSS OF \$7,000 FOR THE YEAR AND STATED THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING WOULD BE HELD LATER IN THE SEASON TO REVISE THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION IN ORDER TO GIVE THE COMMITTEE THE NECESSARY POWER TO INCREASE ENTRANCE FEES, ETC.

Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, Mr. Croucher said in part:—

"The past year is the first complete one we have spent in our new Clubhouse and gives us an indication of how we must cut our cloth. The loss of \$7,000 is a serious one and more so when the depreciation of assets is taken into account. The fact that expenditure has not been met out of current subscriptions is a matter for real concern and we cannot when renewals are needed ask our Bankers for further help.

"Our sales have greatly increased, but prices are still kept at a moderate figure.

"The very comprehensive report of the several Committees records the various activities engaged in by members during the year and there is very little I can add to it. Our Scandinavian friends continue to be a pillar of strength in all the activities and I must thank them for their valued support.

"Our popular Hon. Secretary, P. C. M. Sedgwick, became almost buried in the affairs of State and our old friend Mr. P. F. Lenfesty very willingly offered to help.

"Our present Articles of Association are sadly in need of revision. An Extraordinary General Meeting will be called for at a date to be decided later for the purpose of bringing them more in line with present day requirements."

Following are extracts from the annual report:—

Annual Report

The most notable event of the year was the official opening of the new Clubhouse on Saturday, October 26, 1940. The occasion was the Opening Cruise which was followed in the evening by a reception for members and their friends at which His Excellency the Acting-Governor Lieutenant-General E. F. Norton, declared the premises formally open.

After payment of bank interest and setting aside of \$9,445.37 as depreciation, the accounts show an excess of expenditure over income of \$7,469.23. Wages inevitably show a large increase and the cost of transportation was high. Subscriptions rose from \$13,388.00 in 1940 to \$22,451.00 in 1941, but an increase in Entrance Fees and/or Subscription rates will have to be considered during the coming year.

The total membership on June 30, 1941 was 610 including absent members, subscribers and lady subscribers but excluding life members and honorary members. During the year 118 new members, 54 subscribers and 28 lady subscribers were elected as against resignations from 12 members, 16 subscribers and one lady member. Wartime conditions again made it impossible to arrange the annual race for the Treves Trophy. Middle Island was not patronised so extensively as in the preceding year owing to the evacuation and Volunteer duties. Expenditure increased because of redecoration of the building carried out during the year.

A silk Burgee was presented to the Rear Commodore His Excellency Major-General A. E. Grasett, on his departure from the Colony as a token of appreciation of his services to the Club.

The thanks of the Club are also due to the Commodore, Mr. N. V. A. Croucher for his generous gift of turf to form the lower lawn, which has made a striking improvement to the main approach to the Club.

Acting-Governor's Success

The Racing Season commenced on September 28, 1940. Sweepstake Races were held until the Opening Cruise on Oc-

tober 26 and 27, 1940. This was the first Opening Cruise to be held at the new Clubhouse, and the afternoon's racing was followed by the official opening of the Club by H.E. Lt.-General E. F. Norton, who very appropriately was the winning helmsman of the cruising classes in the afternoon, sailing the Commodore's yacht La Cigale I.

The Closing Cruise was held at Kellet Island on May 3 and 4, 1941. This was followed by the presentation of the season's prizes by Lady Grayburn.

Forty-seven cruisers, thirty-two racing yachts, and four motor yachts, junks, etc., are now registered in the Club Fleet. During the season three new cruisers were registered—Gnat, Orion, Tumble. Glenelg, auxiliary "A" boat, has been transferred to Singapore and we regret to record that A.5 was lost in a typhoon. There are one to two new cruisers which, it is hoped, will be added to the Fleet by next season.

Season's Programme

The number of races sailed during the season was 144 and 1,076 yachts crossed the Starting Line.

The Rowing Season opened on September 21, 1940, when 34 oarsmen went out on the water for a brief outing, after which a successful supper was held in the Clubhouse.

Three regattas were held during the season. The most successful was the Xmas Regatta at Middle Island when the H.K.V.D.C. Inter-Unit Fours Race was introduced. Scottish Company emerging victorious.

As the Alleys were not opened until May, 1940, it has not been possible to give a comparison between their popularity this year and that of previous years.

The Sub-Committee found it necessary in view of the increasing popularity of Duck Pins amongst the lady members to co-opt Mrs. Berg on the Sub-Committee and wish to express their thanks for her very great help.

During the year under review, the bulk of the work of the House Committee has been inaugural and calls for no comment. A start has been made with the decoration of the Clubhouse, and it is hoped that more will be accomplished when funds become available.

The Library is in a flourishing condition and, thanks largely to the generosity of some members, now comprises some 750 volumes, exclusive of bound periodicals.

Election Of Officers

The following committees were elected:

General Committee:—Major G. E. Neve, Mr. R. A. Wadson, Mr. R. J. Minnitt, Dr. L. D. Pringle, Mr. A. G. Dalziel, Mr. G. J. P. Carey, Mr. J. Moodie, Mr. J. C. McDouall, Mr. H. W. Browne (ex-officio), Mr. J. Fleming (ex-officio).

Sailing Committee:—Major G. E. Neve, Dr. L. D. Pringle, Messrs. J. B. Colls, P. Clarke, R. A. Wadson, J. L. Anderson, T. C. Fairburn, B. Henscheid, P. C. Sedgwick, H. W. Browne, R. J. Minnitt, Capt. Mills.

Rowing Committee:—Messrs. A. G. Dalziel, G. J. P. Carey, J. C. H. Lander, J. Moodie, J. C. McDouall, N. O. Christensen.

Bowling:—Alleys Sub-Committee:—Messrs. H. R. Forsyth, H. W. Browne and H. Dreyer and Mrs. Berg. House Committee:—Messrs. W. T. Stanton, W. R. Andrews, W. F. Webb, H. R. Forsyth and J. D. McClatchie and Mesdames White, Berg and Blake.

Squash Sub-Committee:—Messrs. J. E. Potter and D. J. Bosanquet. Middle Island Sub-Committee:—Messrs. L. P. Ralph, F. Baker, V. V. Fasciato.

Librarians:—Mrs. Dodds. Treasurers:—Messrs. Lowe, Blingham and Matthews.

Votes of thanks were tendered to Mrs. N. Potter, the retiring Hon. Librarian, and Mr. Sedgwick, the retiring Hon. Secretary.

SHANGHAI TENNIS RESULTS

One of the two remaining quarter-finals of the Shanghai Lawn Tennis Singles Championship was decided last week when Harry K. F. Li beat E. T. Indricksen by 3 sets to 1, while in an earlier match "Poker" Tong caused some surprise when he beat T. C. Chang after five hard sets.

In the lower bracket Harry Li and Kho. Sin-oi are now in the semi-finals, and when they meet tennis of a high class should be seen.

Results of the latest block of matches played were:—

MEN'S SENIOR SINGLES
Harry K. F. Li beat E. T. Indricksen, 3-6, 7-5, 10-8, 6-0.

"Poker" Tong beat T. C. Chang, 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-5.

MEN'S JUNIOR SINGLES
E. Tsai beat F. Braundth, 6-3, 7-5, 6-1.

B. Fong beat F. K. L. Wang, 7-5, 7-5, 6-1.

E. Arnvig beat Shao, 6-1, 6-1, 6-0.

MEN'S DOUBLES
L. Marcal and S. A. Colloco beat H. C. Yung and P. K. Sung, 3-7, 6-1, 6-3, 6-4.

A. M. Rozario and V. A. S. C. Souza beat E. T. Indricksen and D. Green, 2-6, 6-0, 6-1, 6-2.

E. Tsai and T. Liang beat S. Zee and C. How, 6-3, 7-5, 6-2.

GARCIA GIVEN RAW DEAL

The State Boxing Commission announced on September 16 that it was powerless to protest referee Abe Roth's decision when Roth called a scheduled 12-round non-title clash between middle-weight champion Billy Soose and Ceferino Garcia a technical draw in the eighth round after Soose

CYCLONES' HOCKEY WIN

Two matches were played yesterday in the Hockey League (on roller skates) for the Chi Yin Yap Po Cup. After a goalless first half, Cyclones beat Hong Kong Skating Rink "B" by two clear goals, scored by A. Kitchell and Rahmin.

King's Skating rink beat Kowloon Skating Club "B" by four clear goals after leading at the interval by the only goal, scored by Nien.

In the second half K. W. Chang and P. H. Yung (2) scored further goals.

Table To Date

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
B.H.'s	9	6	2	1	23	4	14
H.K.S.C. "A"	8	4	4	0	8	4	12
K.S.C. "B"	8	5	1	2	12	7	11
K.S.C.	9	5	1	3	18	9	11
Cyclones	8	4	2	2	11	6	10
H.K.S.C. "B"	9	1	0	8	28	21	2
K.S.C. "A"	9	0	0	9	3	22	0

AGA KHAN MAY RACE NEXT YEAR

The Aga Khan's chocolate and green colours have been missed as much as anything from English race courses during the war, but they are likely to be seen frequently next year. The classic winners of 1942 may be ridden by jockeys wearing his colours.

He has maintained his Sheshoon stud in Ireland, and from there seven yearlings have been sent to Frank Butler's Newmarket stable. They are all colts, three by the unbeaten Bahram which won the Derby St. Leger and Two Thousand Guineas in 1935, three by Mahmoud, Derby winner of 1937, and one by Nearco, which won the Grand Prix in Paris in 1938.

A number of fillies are likely to reach Newmarket later.—Reuter.

suffered a cut eye.

The decision met with protest from the crowd, and ringsiders were of almost unanimous opinion that 35-year-old Garcia should have been awarded a technical knockout.

The Filipino opened up an old cut on Soose's right eye with one of his famous bolo punches.

TWO MORE NATIONAL RECORDS SHATTERED AT CHINESE MEETING

THE HONG KONG CHINESE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS WERE CONCLUDED LAST NIGHT AT VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB AND WERE FEATURED BY THE BREAKING OF ANOTHER TWO 1935 NATIONAL RECORDS IN THE LADIES' 200 METRES BREAST-STROKE AND THE MEN'S 400 METRES FREE-STYLE EVENTS AND THE EXCELLENT TIME RETURNED BY NG NIN, WHEN SWIMMING IN THE 400 YARDS FREE-STYLE RELAY.

In winning the Ladies' 200 Metres breast-stroke event in 3 mins. 30.8 seconds, Miss Lee Po-luen, of South China, clipped nearly eight seconds off the record established by Miss Chan Yuk-king in 1935. The other record was broken by Chan Chun-nam in the 400 Metres free-style when he covered the distance in 5 mins. 22.6 seconds, almost 11 seconds better than Yeung Wai-ngor's 1935 record of 5 mins. 33.15 secs.

Tsui Hang won the 50 Yards free-style in 25.2 seconds without being pressed. Swimming second in the 400 Yards free-style Relay for Sing Tao, Ng Nin covered his 100 Yards in 57 seconds.

The three Lai Tsun stars—Chan Chun-nam, Yau Sal-kwan and Lau Tai-ping—were again featured in a close finish in the 400 Metres free-style event and all three broke the existing National record.

The best race of the evening was the Ladies' 50 Yards free-style, which was won by Miss Ho Wai-king. The other places were keenly contested by Miss Mok Sum-lum, of Lai Tsun, who narrowly beat her club-mate Miss Sal Wai-ying.

Following were the results:—
Men's 400 Yards free-style Relay:—1. Sing Tao (Wong Chi-hung, Ng Nin, Chu Wai-lam and Shek Kam-pui), Time: 4 mins. 4 secs.; 2. Lai Tsun (Lau Tai-ping, Chan Chun-nam, Tsang Cheong-ming and Yau Sal-kwan), Time: 4 mins. 0.0 secs.; 3. Eastern (Kwok Chun-hang, Yeung Kai-wah, Chu Chuk-yau and Tsui Hang), Time: 4 mins. 24 secs.

Ladies' 200 Metres breast-stroke:—1. Miss Lee Po-luen (South China), Time: 3 mins. 30.8 secs. (Record); 2. Miss Ho Wai-king (S.C.A.A.), Time: 3 mins. 43.0 secs.; 3. Miss Shum Wai-ying (Residents), Time: 3 mins. 48.8 secs.
Men's 100 Metres back-stroke:—1. Chan Kam-cheung (Chinese "Y"), Time: 1 min. 23.2 secs.; 2. Lau Yiu-ting (Lai Tsun), Time: 1 min. 23.4 secs.; 3. Shek Kam-pui (Sing Tao), Time: 1 min. 24 secs.
Ladies' 50 Yards free-style:—1. Miss Ho Wai-king (C.B.C.), Time: 32 secs.; 2. Miss Mok Sum-lum (Lai Tsun), Time: 34 secs.; 3. Miss Sal Wai-ying (Lai Tsun), Time: 34.2 secs.
Men's 50 Yards free-style:—1. Tsui Hang (Eastern), Time: 25.2 secs.; 2. Chan King-ping (C.B.C.), Time: 28.0 secs.; 3. Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun), Time: 27 secs.
Men's 400 Metres free-style:—1. Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsun), Time: 5 mins. 22.6 secs. (Record); 2. Yau Sal-kwan (Lai Tsun), Time: 5 mins. 23.2 secs. (Record); 3. Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun), Time: 5 mins. 28.2 secs. (Record).
Ladies' 400 Metres free-style:—1. Miss Ho Wai-king (C.B.C.), Time: 7 mins. 33.2 secs.; 2. Miss Leung Oi-mui (C.B.C.), Time: 7 mins. 20.0 secs.; 3. Miss Ho Wai-king (S.C.A.A.), Time: 8 mins. 1.4 secs.

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MINIATURE FOOTBALL

Children's Playgrounds Association are holding an inter-school Miniature Football League, open to all schools in Kowloon. All matches will be played on the play-grounds of the Association in Kowloon.

"SAPPER" MILES VISITS COLONY AFTER 18 YEARS ON WAY TO AUSTRALIA

By "Incog."

Gerry Morgan, better known to followers of local boxing in the old days as "Sapper" Miles, is back again in the Colony after an absence of 18 years, looking very fit and feeling "fresh and frisky as a 27-year-old boy ready to go in to the ring."

Most of the present-day generation would not know Morgan, for it was in 1908 that he first fought in the Colony, coming here after having been runner-up in the lightweight division of the Army and Navy Boxing Championships at Aldershot. He then won the lightweight title of the Orient here, when he beat Cpl. Champion, K.O.V.L.I. in the fifth of their scheduled 15-round contest, the referee stopping the fight.

Morgan said that though it was a long time ago, it only seemed like yesterday that he met men like Bill Lewis, the best boxer he had ever come up against, and Battling Sim, a negro off U.S.S. Wilmington, who was the best two-handed fighter he saw in the East.

Morgan had two fights with Bill Lewis, losing both. He said that Lewis was in a class by himself, and there was never anybody here to touch him.

World-Beater?

Of the local boxers, Morgan said that he thought "Iron" Bux would have made a "world-beater" had he been taken in hand properly.

Apart from his colourful career in the ring, Morgan was at one time leading promoter in Shanghai. Between 1926 and 1930, he staged fights every Thursday night, without a break, in Shanghai. "Those Thursday nights," he said, "were 'pink ticket' nights for Shanghai husbands, who could always get leave to go to the fights."



"Sapper" Miles

In 1930, Morgan sold out to the Auditorium interests, and as it was one of the conditions of sale that he was not to promote any more fights except for them, he "packed up" after this, though he gave them all the help and advice that they needed.

In 1926, "when Chiang Kai-shek marched through from Canton to dispose of Marshal Wu Pei-fu," Morgan was in North China and had just floated a U.S. \$2,000,000 capital concern known as the Hunan Lead Smelting Co., when, on his way down the Sian-kiang River, he was captured by soldiers who had become bandits.

Captive Three Months

For three months Morgan was captive. The soldiers felt that belonging as he did to a firm with such a big capital, handsome ransom money was bound to be forthcoming. They were disappointed. Morgan had rice and eggs for breakfast, eggs and rice for lunch and then rice and eggs again for dinner for three months on end. Never for long did the bandits remain at one spot, but wherever they went, along went Morgan.

One night, however, when his captors were "looking the other way," Morgan managed to break away. Then followed a 14-day trek which brought him to Hankow. Here a friend fitted him up with a couple of suits and secured a passage for him down to Shanghai, and it was then that he started promoting fights.

And now, it is Australia for "Gerry," as he is popularly known to Shanghaians. He has had offers to stay in the Colony, but feels that a change would do him good after all these years in China. He has only been here a couple of days, and has spent practically all his spare time looking up old friends.

When seen last evening, he was "anxious to locate" "Iron" Bux, another giant of the past, as he wanted to see what "his face would look like when Sapper Miles shows up," for, officially and unofficially, he was given up as "dead" after his capture by the bandits, and "some people don't think it right for a dead man to be walking about that freely!"

Outstanding feats in recent cricket matches in Shanghai were—M. J. Divécha 42 v. S.C.C.; S. F. Shroff 4 for 12 v. S.C.C.; P. Madan 32 and 0 for 34 v. Police; F. C. Woodley 5 for 51 v. Roca; Colts; D. L. Ellis 50 v. Roca; Colts; A. L. Piper 35 v. Roca; Veterans; J. L. Wade 36 v. S.C.C. Veterans; and G. Madan 35 retired v. S.C.C. Veterans.

Y.M.C.A. Hockey Section's second practice game, on Saturday next, on the "Y" ground at 4.30 p.m., will take the form of an inter-club match in which the following members will take part: Bonwell, Neve, Yourloff, Jordan, Coombe, Waldron, Highlands, Hitchcock, Morgan, Olsen, Bates, Clegg, Hallon, Soxby, Smith, Gorman, Banks, Mackay, Ure, Dormer, Iresen, Polacey. Players are requested to bring both Club and white shirts.



Bowls has always proved a soothing sport to the Englishman. In 1588 Drake played bowls on Plymouth Hoe whilst awaiting invasion by the Spaniards, and now, in 1941, when it is Germany's ambition to land on the shores of Britain, the man in the street still enjoys his game of bowls. But—like Drake—he will not be taken unawares. In the shadow of a barrage balloon in a London park, a game of bowls is here seen quietly in progress. (Copyright, Fox Photos).

BARE-KNUCKLE FIGHTER PASSES AT AGE OF 84

The death of Jem Carney at the age of 84 recalls a great figure of boxing's bare-knuckle years. Carney was formerly English lightweight champion, but one of his greatest fights took place in America, at Boston, when he was 30 years old.

In this fight he battled in a barn with Jack Macauliffe, the Irish world champion, and after a terrific 5-hour fight the bout was drawn. Carney was reputed to have left his opponent during the fight to knock out two troublesome spectators, after which he returned to the ring.

"Modern boxers are not villainous enough, they haven't the jaws and ears," Carney once said. He himself was the hero of many bare-knuckle fights.—Reuter.

CYCLONE BOXERS IN TRAINING

MEMBERS OF CYCLONE SPORTS CLUB HAVE, FOR SOMETIME, BEEN TRAINING FOR BOXING, WITH "IRON" BUX JNR. AS THE LEADING LIGHT.

They are extremely keen and are anxious to fix up a match against any other boys' club interested in boxing. Their greatest difficulty to date has been the lack of facilities for training, although some of the keener ones have "gone up on the roof" for sparring and ball-punching.

Apart from "Iron" Bux jnr, there is also "Sherry" Bux, an elder brother of the Colony amateur bantamweight champion, who is described as an "even more scientific boxer than his brother, but who does not show the same keen interest in the game that the younger one has inherited from his father, ex-Orient champion. A. R. Abbas is also very keen, but he is the "more brawny than brainy" type, while B. Silva is very fast, although his punches need correcting, after which they will carry much more sting.

BRADBURY'S EASY WIN

AT KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB YESTERDAY, B. W. BRADBURY BEAT A. L. EASTMAN BY 28-10 AT THE 10TH HEAD IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE COLONY LAWN BOWLS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

After being 4-0 down at the 10th, Bradbury registered at the next eight ends and led 18-0 at the 14th. With 121 Eastman reduced the lead to 19-10, but Bradbury finished the game with a one and a three. B.W.B. 0 1 1 2 2 0 2 1 2 3 3 1 2 0 0 0 1 3 = 23 A.L.E. 1 0 0 1 0 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 1 0 = 10

SOUTH CHINA A.A. ENTER MINIATURE SOCCER FINAL

By "Referee"

South China qualified to meet Ah-Q Football Club in the Final of the China Emporium Miniature Football Shield Competition when they beat Tung Shan in the semi-final at Caroline Hill yesterday by the odd goal in three after leading at the interval by two clear goals.

Tung Shan started off shakily but in the second period had most of the play and only the good goalkeeping of Tam Kwan-kon and Lau Hing-choy prevented them from scoring.

Lee Shek-yau showed excellent ball control. He was dangerous when in possession and made many openings for his forwards.

Lau Chung-sang was the best player for the losers but he was too well marked by Lau Hing-choy and rarely had a scoring opportunity.

Chin Chi-fai opened the scoring for South China early in the game and shortly after Lee Tin-kee scored their second goal from a centre by Chin Chi-fai.

The Final will be played at Caroline Hill to-day at 5.30 p.m. Lau Chung-sang scored for Tung Shan from a penalty.

South China—Tam Kwan-kon; Chau Man-chin and Lau Hing-choy; Tse Kam-hung, Chin Chi-fai, Lee Tin-kee and Lee Shek-yau.

Tung Shan—Mak Ping; Hau Yung-sang and Lee Tak-kee; Man Shui-kee, Lai Shui-wing, Wong Man-kwai and Lau Chung-sang.

Gough's Bowls Win

Following are the latest results of matches in the various Club lawn bowls tournaments:

CRAIGENGOWER
Pairs Competition
Second Round:—A. J. Coelho and E. Zimmerman beat L. M. Roza and L. C. R. Souza.

Senior Singles Championship
First Round:—J. W. Leonard beat W. J. Howard; Second Round:—C. W. Lam beat W. E. Broadbridge.

POLICE
Novices' Handicap Singles
Semi-Final:—C. Gough (scr.) beat D. Fitches (plus 4); G. Davies (plus 3) beat Greenwood (scr.); Final:—C. Gough (scr.) beat G. Davies (plus 3).

BALR Competition
Semi-Final:—W. Mair and G. Perkins beat A. E. Carey and E. G. Post; C. Ellis and J. M. Forrest beat F. Channing and C. Downman.

TAIKOO CLUB
Pairs Competition
First Round:—McKie and Gilles beat Paterson and Coull; Second Round:—Forster and Wilson; Semi-Final:—McKie and Gilles beat Simpson and Nimmo; Jeacock and Chalmers beat Gibson and Watson; Smith and Stalnham beat Taylor and Melrose; Kew and Main beat Higgs and Boydell; Semi-Final:—McKie and Gilles beat Jeacock and Chalmers.

Club Singles
Second Round:—Watson beat Paterson; Gilles beat McArthur; Stainton beat Gibson; Boydell beat Melrose; Chalmers beat Main; Coull beat Higgs; Nimmo beat Smith; and Kew beat McKie; Third Round:—Watson beat Gilles.

HONG KONG ELECTRIC
Club Singles
First Round:—K. Crawford beat A. Tarbuck; R. C. Butler beat R. W. Smith; J. K. Sloan beat A. F. Paul; R. A. Owens beat R. F. Gregory;

TO-DAY'S SOCCER

Club Juniors are playing 5th A.A. Regiment in a friendly football game on Club ground to-day, starting at 5.30 p.m.

FIVE WALK-OVERS IN OPEN SINGLES

Several walk-overs have been conceded in the First Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Singles Championship.

A. H. Rumjahn has received a walk-over from J. W. Harrop. R. Leigh has received a walk-over from W. Nash.

R. F. da Luz has received a walk-over from A. E. Coates. W. C. Higgs has received a walk-over from W. J. Bagley.

D. M. Khan has received a walk-over from G. Perkins.

The draw for the Second Round will take place this afternoon at 5.15 p.m., in the offices of Messrs Gande, Price Co., Ltd.

K. TONG MAKING NO CHANGES

Kowloon Tong are making no changes in their team for their Second Division Lawn Bowls League game against Kowloon Football Club at K.F.C. next Saturday.

The team is as follows:—H. A. Castro; A. Madan; J. Smith and A. J. Kew (skip); N. A. E. Mackay, T. K. Lim, J. N. Wong and J. L. Stephens (skip); H. Gittins, M. S. Phoon, A. E. Castro and A. Spary (skip). Reserve:—J. Tang.

Second Round:—A. G. Gardner beat E. L. Groome 21-10; R. C. Butler beat K. Crawford 21-11; Semi-Final:—R. C. Butler beat A. G. Gardner.

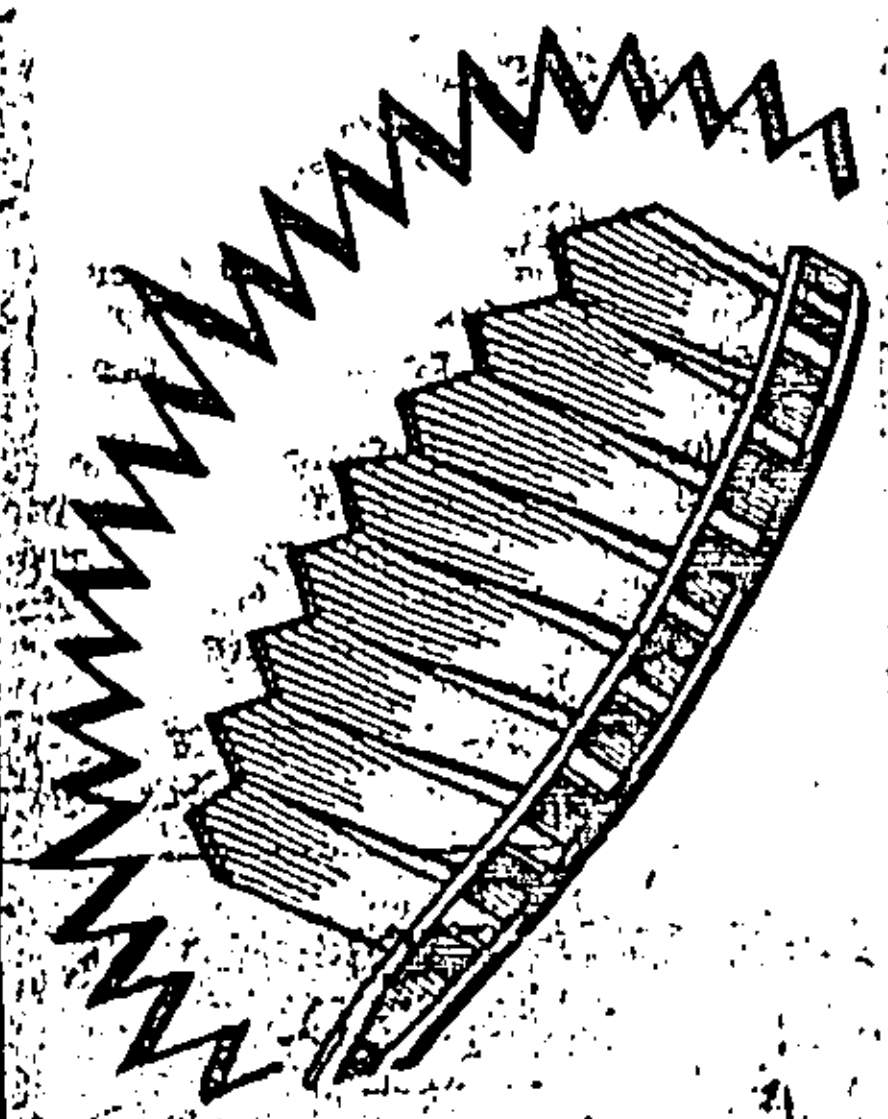
Pairs Competition
First Round:—A. F. Paul and J. K. Sloan beat J. R. Way and W. Stoker; J. F. Lunny and R. A. Owens beat L. de Home and R. C. Butler; A. G. Gardner and W. MacFarlane beat E. L. Groome and S. Jarvis; Byes into the Semi-Final:—A. F. Paul and J. K. Sloan beat R. W. Smith and W. E. Baker; Semi-Final:—J. F. Lunny and R. A. Owens beat A. G. Gardner and W. MacFarlane.

Drawn Doubles
First Round:—L. de Home and W. Stoker beat A. G. Gardner and J. R. Way; J. F. Lunny and J. K. Sloan beat W. MacFarlane and E. L. Groome; 22-0; Byes into the Semi-Final:—R. C. Butler and A. F. Paul beat R. W. Smith and R. A. Owens; Semi-Final:—J. F. Lunny and J. K. Sloan beat L. de Home and W. Stoker.

KOWLOON TONG
Singles Handicap
Third Round:—K. Lim (3) beat C. J. Roe (scr.); Semi-Final:—N. A. E. Mackay (3) beat H. Gittins (scr.).

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BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR CHINESE SWIMMERS IN H.K. CHAMPIONSHIPS

By "Incog."

In an earlier article I dealt with the prospects of Victoria Recreation Club representatives in the Colony Swimming Championships, which open on Thursday, and the many galas held in the various clubs since then have provided me with further opportunities of studying the form of the Chinese challengers.

CHAN CHUN-NAM, Lai Tsun star, is so well-known to followers of swimming that it would be superfluous to reiterate his claims, beyond mentioning the fact that he is generally conceded an excellent chance of setting up new marks in the 440 and 880 Yards free-style events, though he will perhaps meet with stiffer opposition in the 220 Yards free-style race.

YAU SAI-KWAN, one of the two Lai Tsun youngsters to have improved so remarkably in the current season, also promises to break the very good times established by Chan last year, and should place second in the 440 and 880 Yards events.

LAU TAI-PING, who led the field easily in his heat of the 220 Yards free-style, 28.1/5 secs., as compared to Yau Sai-kwan's winning time of 2 mins. 30.1/5 secs. in the other heat, Lau should win this event, but I doubt very much if he will break W. Lawrence's record of 2 mins 35 secs. for this distance. He should fight it out with Yau for the second place in the other two long distance events.

This remarkable Lai Tsun trio have the advantage of each other's company in their training, and the friendly rivalry that exists helps to make their work more interesting.

"Veteran" Fancied

TSUI HANG, "veteran" of Eastern Athletic Association, is my choice to win the 50 Yards and 100 Yards free-style events, though other critics are for Ng Nin or David Hutchinson. In the heats of the 50 Yards he was unfortunate to draw Lane 1, and in the race collided with one of the "buoys" and came practically to a standstill, but he still managed to recover sufficiently to carry on and win his heat in the excellent time of 25 seconds flat.

The 100 Yards free-style race will provide a grand fight between Tsui Hang, Ng Nin and David Hutchinson, with Tsui Hang having the edge and David Hutchinson second.

NG NIN, crack sprinter of Sing Tao, broke the record for the 50 Yards free-style in the heats when he returned 24.3/5 secs. In the 100 Yards I do not think he has bettered 57 seconds this year, and the winner of this race must certainly do this to win. Ng Nin is a certainly, however, for the 100 Yards breast-stroke as he employs the "butterfly" stroke throughout. In the newly inaugurated 150 Yards Individual Medley he should win in a canter, and will quite probably set a mark that will take some beating.

No Should Win

HO FUN-KUN, of South China Athletic Association, returned 3 mins. 8.3/5 secs. for the 220 Yards breast-stroke, and should win this event, even though FUNG WAI-CHUNG, of Chinese "Y" returned the same time to win the other heat, and Yau Sai-kwan returned 3 mins. 8.4/5 secs. to come in second in the first heat. The latter swam the first three lengths and the final lap with the "butterfly" stroke, and every swimmer knows what a remarkable feat this is, as this style is "killing".

SING TAO, with Ng Nin, Shek Kam-pui, Wong Che-hong and A. N. Other should win the 200 Yards free-style relay easily, with EASTERN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION second.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB, with A. K. Rumjahn, Luiz M. Remedios and W. Lawrence (in place of G. Saunders) should win the Medley Relay, but they will not have everything their own way as EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A., with Noel Hammond, David Hutchinson and E. A. Roberts, are quite a threat, while SING TAO have also quite a formidable aggregation in Shek Kam-pui, Ng Nin and Wong Che-hong.

The Ladies

MISS LI PO-LUEN, of University, should win the 100 Yards breast-stroke, having returned the best time in the heats, and stands a good chance of beating Miss Tsang Fung-kwan in the 50 Yards race of this style.

MISS LILY SADICK, Lai Tsun, has no match in the Colony in the back-stroke and should win both races, while her team-mate, MISS TSANG FUNG-KWAN, promises to do well in the 50 Yards breast-stroke.

MISS KO MIU-LING, Lai Tsun sprint star, is the one likely to provide opposition to the probable winners of the free-style and breast-stroke events, while MISS HO WAI-KING, of Chinese Bathing Club, who returned the second best time in the 220 Yards, should secure a place in this event.

MISS HO WAI-MAN, of South China is another very good swimmer but not in the class of the probable champions. She should put up good opposition for second places in the events for which has she entered.

The Relays

LAI TSUN SWIMMING UNION should win the 200 Yards free-style Relay for Women, having Miss Ko Miu-ling, Miss Lily Sadick, Miss Lo Po-kum and Miss Tsang Fung-kwan, though Victoria Recreation Club will provide a good fight with Miss Jacqueline Anderson, Miss Celeste Guterres, Miss Irene Lopes and Miss Myra Noronha or Mrs. J. Crawford.

LAI TSUN should also win the Medley Relay, without Vivienne Churn to make up for the lead that Lily Sadick is certain to establish in the back-stroke V.R.C.'s chances are very slender.

'VARSITY COLOURS AWARDED

Athletic colours at Hong Kong University have been awarded to W. S. Gegg, S. H. Leung, Miss Ellen Hunt and Pao Yue-kim. Swimming Club "Greens" have been awarded to Dr. Wong Yat-hung and Charles Huang.

D. Chellah, University cricketer and badminton player, returned to the Colony from a holiday in Malaya, on Tuesday. It is understood he will be playing more hockey this winter than he did last, when he turned out only occasionally for University.

Wild Throw Gives Merry Madcaps 4-3 Decision Over Mohawks

EDDIE Marques' Merry Madcaps again hung up the "V-for victory" sign over Marauding Mohawks by nosing them out 4 to 3 in an over-time tilt in Sunday's night-cap at Kowloon Football Club ground, whilst Canadian Chinese girls drubbed Dave Walker's Cardinals 12 to 8 in the opener.

Both hurlers chucked superb ball for the whole tussle, mounded victor Carl Silva-Netto being nicked for four blows whilst losing slabster "Smudge" Smith yielded three singles. Silva-Netto fanned two and walked one, whilst Smith whiffed two and passed two to first, and was also charged with two wild pitches.

High-lighted by air-tight ball, the first two frames swept by in a quick succession of put outs, Chuck Waggoner's Marauding Mohawks chalking up their first marker in the third canto on two blows, whilst a string of horse-collars decorated the Madcap section of the score-board for four frames.

With the fifth session coming up, the one run lead was beginning to look mighty big for mentor Eddie Marques. Madcaps turned on the heat in the same frame to take the lead as Marques, "Americo" Lopes and Silva-Netto romped over the pay-off station to garner a trio of markers for the Madcaps, but the lead was short-lived as the Waggonermen came right back in the next with a couple of tallies to knot the count.

The Waggonermen were retired in one-two-three order in their turn with the stick. Madcap first-sacker Romeo Hamet was hit by a bobbie and pliffed second. "Avichy" Vancich tapped a roller, but key-stoner Vic Lin heaved the pill a mile high and wide to Nip Lum to see the winning run spike the rubber.

Mar Sisters To The Rescue

In the ladies' tilt, Canadian Chinese started off short-handed and called upon the services of the Mar sisters, Lily and Gloria, to fill the gaps at the mid-way station and the hot corner.

The Canuckettes started off with classy Alice Mar on the mound and she fanned three and walked one, whilst relief twirler Mary Ng whiffed three and walked two. Lefty Dolly Brown, tossing the apple for the Redbirds, also struck-out three and issued free transportation to first to two Canuckettes.

Redbirds jumped into the lead with

a cluster of two runs in each of the first two sessions, whilst the Maple Leafs could only produce a single marker, but a barrage of four blows in the third, netted the Canuckettes' six counters for them to take the lead, whilst a spurge of four runs in the fifth just about sewed the game away for them in the bat-bag. The Cards produced a spirited rally in the final stanza, but could tally only three times before the attempt was smothered.

Jean Lee, starry short-stop and field captain of the Maple Leafs, led the

"cissy game," have since found out that they have been wrong all along, as the recent epidemic of sprained digits or what is commonly known as "softball finger", will testify. If there's anything cissy about it, we haven't noticed it, except that the only thing soft about it is the name. The fact that the girls have taken to it, like ducks to water, only proves its popularity.

Softball is growing in popularity so steadily that it is gradually ousting King Baseball from the throne, and already the heavier game is playing second fiddle.

Don't underestimate this game of softball, or kitten-ball, as our Shanghai friends still call it. It's come out of the back-alley into the light of day, a magnificent game that is growing with the passing of years.

For thrilling action on the diamond, there can be no equal to a batter's dream—a home-run with the bases loaded. The sound of ash against horsehide starting a wild stampede of fielders towards the speeding ball. Base-runners tear around the sacks with the coaches waving wildly. The batter rounds second, makes third and starts straight for the home-plate. The catcher is crouched ready for the throw-in, the runner slides; ball and runner seem to arrive together. The umpire's hands point down, the runner is safe. Everyone is tense, excited and uncertain until the last moment. Yes Sir, give me a good game on the diamond for thrills any day.

By "Grandstand"

batting parade with a three-four performance at the plate, rapping out a double and a single in her four batting chances, but the longest blow of the scuffle was belted out by Dolly Brown, with a hefty triple to chase in two mates.

Cardinal third-sacker Betty Clarke and first-sacker Alice Tsang completed the only double killing of the fracas, but the latter bungled four chances at the initial station.

Softball Increasing in Popularity

BREAKING into its fifth season, Softball, which stormed the Colony five years ago, is fast becoming a major winter sport in these sunny shores. Those who have scoffed at the

SOUTH CHINA ON THE MARK AGAINST "Y"

By "Sportshawk"

Displaying clever inter-passing and accurate shooting South China had little difficulty in defeating Chinese Y.M.C.A. in their "needle" match in the Open Basketball League last night by 44 points to 25 and are thus almost assured of the championship.

Neither team had lost a match previously. "Y" forwards were not up to their usual form and missed many scoring opportunities.

Leading by 19-14 in the first half South China struck their best form in the second period, out-manoeuvring their opponents and treating the crowd to some excellent shooting. They won the match by an unexpectedly big margin.

Chung Ling, South China left winger, was the hero of the game, scoring 14 points and was prominent with his accurate shooting. Shek Chan-tat played well as guard.

For Chinese "Y" Lee Fook-kee and Luk Tak-cheong were outstanding in the attack while Fong Yuk-shan was impressive in the defence.

"Y" were good in their inter-passing but were very weak in their shooting. They had ample opportunities but failed with their parting shots.

South China (44 points)—Chung Ling

14, Lo Fun 11, Shek Chun-suen 10, Shek Chan-tat 6, Ng Suen-chiu 2 and Cheng Yuk-sun 1.

Chinese "Y" (25 points):—Lee Fook-kee 7, Luk Tak-cheong 5, Chan Kang-yu 3, Tang Sik-chan 3, So Pak-wai 2, Fong Yuk-shan 2 and Lo On-sun 2.

N.U. Win 51-34

In the curtain raiser, National University beat Youths by 51 points to 34, after leading by 20-18 at the interval.

National U. (51 points):—Yu Shiu-luen 15, Chan Shiu-luk 13, Chan Shiu-lun 11, Yip Fai-lung 7 and Yu Sul-yim 6.

Youths (34 points):—Chien To 9, Lee Cheuk-man 8, Pun Yau-ming 4, Tsim Sip-kong 4, Yip Chun-yu 3, Chan Sik-kwai 2, Lee Kan-ching 2 and Yun Kwok-chi 2.

TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
South China	7	7	0	14
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	7	6	1	12
Sing Tao	7	6	1	12
National University	7	6	1	12
Wah Kiu	6	4	2	8
Black Cats	7	4	3	8
Residents' Union	6	3	3	6
Indian Police	5	2	3	4
Youths	6	2	4	4
Yu Leung	5	1	4	2
Bank Union	6	1	5	2
Ping Ching	6	1	5	2
Trojans	5	0	5	0
V.R.C.	6	0	6	0

SHANGHAI AQUATIC CHAMPIONS

Although the 1941 swimming season produced only one performance of an outstanding nature—T. S. Chie's magnificent record-breaking effort at the Rowing Club two weeks ago in the 880 yards free style—it will go down in local sports annals as an exceedingly competitive year, writes the "North China Daily News."

Complete results of 1941 championships follow:—

Men's Events

100 Yards Breast Stroke:—1, O. Grebenschikoff; 2, A. J. Dodd. Time: 76.3/5 seconds.

200 Yards Breast Stroke:—1, O. Grebenschikoff; 2, P. Chen. Time: 2 mins. 52.4/5 secs.

100 Yards Back Stroke:—1, E. Smith; 2, V. Matluk. Time: 70.4/5 secs.

150 Yards Back Stroke:—1, E. Smith; 2, V. Matluk. Time: 1 min. 54.4/5 secs.

150 Yards Medley Swim:—1, E. Smith; 2, R. Leonl. Time: 1 min. 54.3/5 secs.

50 Yards Free Style:—1, H. Ballerand; 2, R. Hekking. Time: 20.3/5 secs.

100 Yards Free Style:—1, R. Hekking; 2, R. Leonl. Time: 59.4/5 secs.

220 Yards Free Style:—1, R. Hekking; 2, T. S. Chie. Time: 2 mins. 37.3/5 secs.

440 Yards Free Style:—1, T. S. Chie; 2, R. Hekking. Time: 5 mins. 43.4/5 secs.

880 Yards Free Style:—1, T. S. Chie; 2, G. Stephen. Time: 11 mins. 54.3/5 secs. (New record).

Diving:—1, A. Griffiths; 2, W. Ward.

Ladies' Events

100 Yards Free Style:—1, Miss L. Hekking; 2, Miss Ling Mel-ling. Time: 78.4/5 secs.

50 Yards Free Style:—1, Miss L. Hekking; 2, Miss J. B. Peach. Time: 32.3/5 secs.

50 Yards Back Stroke:—1, Miss J. B. Peach; 2, Miss Hekking. Time: 39.4/5 secs.

50 Yards Breast Stroke:—1, Miss D. Gray; 2, Miss E. Resek. Time 41 secs.

Diving:—1, Miss L. Benghalt; 2, Miss L. Hekking.

Junior Events

220 Yards Free Style:—1, C. Butt; 2, J. Hyatt. Time: 2 mins. 41.3/5 secs.

100 Yards Free Style:—1, C. Butt; 2, J. Hyatt. Time: 51.1/5 secs.



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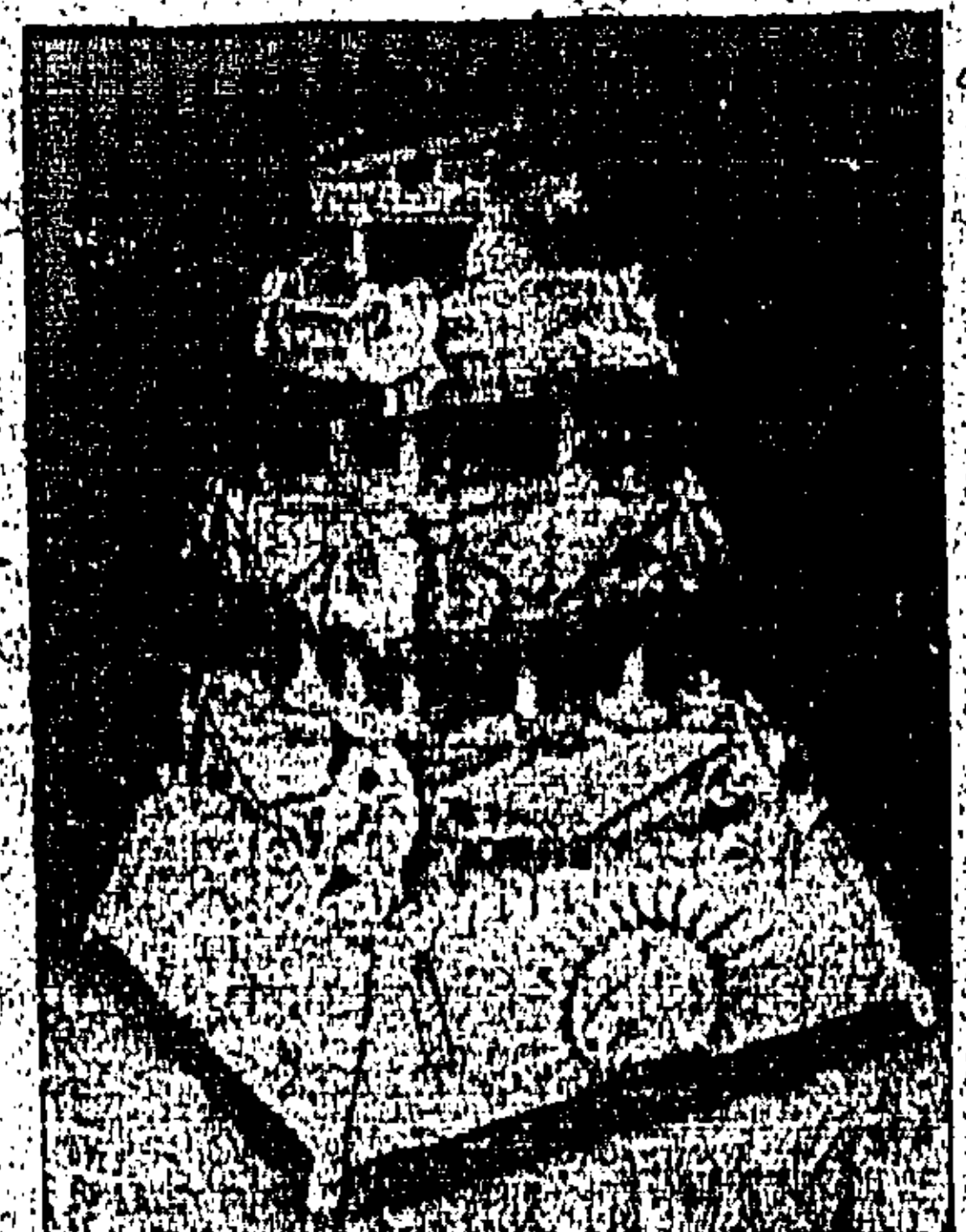
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AIR AID FOR CHINA

Increased Mobility Of R.A.F. In Far East

DOCTOR TO JOIN MISSION TO MOSCOW

It was learned authoritatively in London yesterday that Mr. Winston Churchill has invited the President of the Royal College of Physicians, Sir Charles Wilson, to join the British Mission to Moscow.

Sir Charles will report to Mr. Churchill on the question of any medical aid that should be given to the U.S.S.R.—Reuter.

POLISH V.C. FOR WAVELL

GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD WAVELL HAS BEEN AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS OF VIRTUTI MILITARI, WHICH IS THE POLISH EQUIVALENT OF THE VICTORIA CROSS. IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

General Wavell had the Polish Carpathian Brigade under his command when he was Commander-in-Chief of the Middle East. General Sikorski, addressing the Polish Motorised Artillery in the

Meaning Of New Burma Airfields

INCREASED AID for China and greater mobility of the Royal Air Force in the East is expected to result from the considerable progress recently made in the provision of new aerodromes and landing grounds in Burma.

Although built specifically for the extension of civil air lines in Burma, it is expected the new aerodromes will accelerate the transit of the growing flood of supplies for China arriving under the Lease and Lend procedure.

They will also play their part in the defence of Burma should the necessity arise, and will increase the mobility of the Royal Air Force.

In addition to the aerodromes and landing grounds already built, others are now being built and still others are planned.

The British Commander-in-Chief of the Far East, Air Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, who has been touring Burma inspecting the country's air and other defences, has already covered hundreds of miles by motor car as well as by plane.

He witnessed demonstration by one of the most modern and fastest fighters.

After that, accompanied by Lieut. General D. K. MacLeod, British Commander-in-Chief of Burma, he left for Lashio at the Burma end of the Burma-China Road.—Reuter.

United Kingdom on Sunday, revealed that the Carpathian Brigade was now actively engaged on one of the Middle East fronts.—Reuter.

MUNITION FACTORY WRECKED

An important munitions works at Vlasin in southern Bohemia has been destroyed as a result of a violent explosion, according to news reaching Czechoslovak circles in London says Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.

The works were concerned with filling shell cases with explosives.

It is known that at least 90 Germans, brought from the Reich to work in this factory, are among the wounded now undergoing hospital treatment, but nothing is known as to the number of killed.

Following the explosion, German troops immediately surrounded the wrecked buildings and investigation was started but thus far this has proved quite fruitless. AT ALMOST THE SAME

Cheaper Press Cables

Rates for Press telegrams within the British Empire are to be reduced from 2½d. per word to a penny a word.

The new rate will apply from October 1 and will remain in force for the duration of the war.

The rates with Eire and Burma will remain temporarily unchanged, however.

Announcing this development, Sir Edward Wilshaw, chairman of Cables and Wireless, said the arrangement followed consultation with the Minister of Information, Mr. Brendan Bracken and other interested parties and was made with the cooperation of the Empire Governments.—Reuter.

TIME, THE POWER STATION AT TREBENICE WAS WRECKED BY ANOTHER EXPLOSION. A GREAT PART OF THE BUILDING BEING DESTROYED.—REUTER.

SLEEPER DEALINGS FOR A.R.P.

(Continued from Page 9)

Tai Lee Profit

You are a partner of Tai Lee? —Yes.

Have you worked out how much profit was made before the firm disappeared?—Yes.

How much?—A little over \$4,000.

Your share?—No, the whole firm made only \$4,000.

That was the whole profit on 80,000 sleepers?—Yes.

Explain how you get the figures? —I am not the manager or cashier.

I do not keep the books or work out the figures.

Who worked out the figures? Kwong Ming-kwong.

Does he keep books?—Yes.

And all transactions are entered? —You can call them records, whether they are books or slips of paper.

Are they still in existence? —I do not know.

Any other man concerned with the figures? —Lum Lai-sang.

What is he? —The accountant.

He looks after the cash? —Yes.

He would be the man to receive the money? —Yes.

"No Bank Account"

Do you know if your company has a banking account? —It has none.

What do you do with a sum of money received?—I don't know. The manager was in charge.

Was it kept in the office? —I do not know.

I thought you were a high class officer of the Company, and you do not know all about this? —I have no recollection as to the firm's dealings for it was only for a short space of time.

It sold 80,000 sleepers? —Yes.

It only lasted three months? —Yes.

And in that short time made a profit? —Only about \$4,000.

That is what you say!

"Merely A Blind"

At the previous hearing I suggested to your manager that your firm made a profit of at least \$50,000. I am going to suggest to you that your company was merely a blind to cloak the firm of Pang Chik and Tam and that they did so to escape the provision of the War Taxation Ordinance?—No.

The Commissioners hope that the responsible authorities will make a searching enquiry into the firm of Pang Chik and Tam and also of Tai Lee and get a share of the War Taxation on the profit.

The Commission then adjourned. It was later announced that there would be no further public session for the day but that a meeting of the members of the Commission would be held this afternoon to discuss the evidence heard so far.

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STOP PRESS

Twenty-six cases of cholera with 11 deaths; 227 of tuberculosis with 170 deaths; 55 of dysentery with 20 deaths; 17 of enteric fever with four deaths; five of diphtheria with two deaths; and five of chicken-pox were notified to the Health Authorities during last week.

Yesterday there were 47 cases of tuberculosis; five of cholera; 14 of dysentery; four of enteric fever; and one of diphtheria notified.

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